

Quote of the week

'An investment in knowledge
pays the best interest'
Benjamin Franklin



Book recommendation of the week

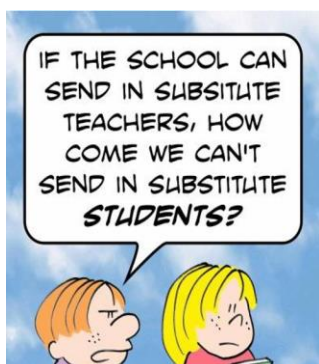
Jeff Kinney wrote the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and it is not fluke that they have become global sensations. If you haven't read them already, then we suggest you do...

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 29th September 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,
Happily, we have had another wonderful week here. As the Autumn term trickles on I feel it is important to take a little stock and reflect on what your children have achieved in such a short space of time. They really are amazing. Firstly, they have adapted to the changes in the way the sessions are delivered and many pupils now have a different teacher for different subjects. This really does challenge some pupils as different adults and marginally different expectations can cause issues. I can remember my own experiences and there was always 'that teacher...'. But the children move around the school and report to their classes really well, they engage in learning and then return to their forms. The teachers share information and skills learned in English and Maths are then used in the afternoons to facilitate learning in the wider curriculum. They also responded well to our SPRINT FOCI that we will and have been targeting. The first being, fine tuning uniforms and that enhanced sense of deportment as they move around the school. Our secondary area of weekly focus is attendance. Displayed around the school are posters that are very clear about the results of low attendance. These show the percentage chances of not achieving age related expectation at the GCSE level. This data is based on national averages and the same statistical chances of success apply at the end of EYFS for good levels of development and Key Stages 1 and 2 for Expected Standards. As ever thank you all for your continued support,
Sol Johnson



Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	45
Chestnut:	57
Sycamore	65
Oak:	73

Headteachers Award:

Amelie Baker, Emie Madden, Finley Lambeth, Amelie Toomey

Star Writer Certificates:

Leah Patterson, Eleanor Drake, Luke Worth, Rosie-Ann Cahill, Emma Ratcliffe

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Rhys Worth, Jessica Charlton, Jude Hearn, Lewis Charlton

Dojo Awards:

Katie Milligan, Millie Grieve

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 22nd September 2017

Cubs	94.55%
Pups	94.84%
Wolves	96.07%
Whole School	95.28%

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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class, we have completed our Hungry Polar Bear stories in literacy and started to think about Fact files. We have used our knowledge of The Inuit to help create one together and then learn it and then write our own words/sentences using what we know. In Maths, the year 1's have been solving problems involving counting in 2's whilst the year 2's have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. The reception children have been recognising counting and writing numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 and 0. We have learnt about Polar Bears, acting out a Polar Bear drama story, exploring images and reading interesting facts about them.

Pups Class

The Pups have been absolutely fantastic this week. They have been writing stories set on imaginary planets in English whilst focusing on using a range of descriptive language. In Maths we have developed our understanding of the number system by ordering and comparing two and three digit numbers. We have produced our final abstract art masterpieces as well as matching countries to their corresponding continent and drawing and labelling the water cycle. Super work Pups, keep it up!

Wolves Class

This week the Foxes have been looking at adverbs and direct speech when improving our work. In maths we have been using negative numbers and we have started to add using written methods. In the Wolves class we have had an exciting week. We have written some Viking diary entries, investigated the effects of exercise on heart rate and we researched different Viking invaders. We also have been using water colour to paint dragons.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd October

Construction Club 3.20-4.15pm
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Performing Arts 3.20-4.15pm

Wednesday 4th October

Sporting Club 3.20-4.15pm
Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm

Thursday 5th October

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th October

Longtown Residential for Years 4, 5 and 6

School Messages

Music Lessons

Please please ensure the children bring their instruments on Fridays to ensure they get the most benefit from their lessons.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased something from our Book Fair. We raised over £350 which will be used to purchase lots of lovely new books for our libraries.

Judo Lessons

Please be aware that Judo will not be running on Friday 6th October but will be back to normal on Friday 13th October.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your kind donations, they will all be donated to Daventry Food Bank.

Longtown Residential

Please ensure you are at school at 8.30am prompt. Don't forget your pack-up for the journey and please make sure all clothes are labelled. Here's to an exciting, fun-packed trip!

Vacancies

Would you like to work for DRET? We are currently looking to recruit a midday supervisor here at Newnham and a cleaner at Welton Academy. For further information, please contact mjoiner@dret.co.uk or visit the DRET website and look under vacancies.

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Term 1	(Training Days	Friday	1 September 2017
		Monday	4 September 2017)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	5 September 2017
	Term Ends	Friday	20 October 2017
- End of Term Break -			
Term 2	(Training Day	Monday	30 October 2017)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	31 October 2017
	Term Ends	Tuesday	19 December 2017
	(Training Day	Wednesday	20 December 2017)
- Christmas Holidays -			
Term 3	Term Begins	Wednesday	3 January 2018
	Term Ends	Friday	9 February 2018
- End of Term Break -			
Term 4	(Training Day	Monday	19 February 2018)
	Term Begins	Tuesday	20 February 2018
	Term Ends	Thursday	29 March 2018
- Easter Holidays -			
Term 5	Term Begins	Monday	16 April 2018
	School Closed – Mayday	Monday	7 May 2018
	Term Ends	Friday	25 May 2018
- End of Term Break -			
Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	4 June 2018
	Term Ends	Friday	20 July 2018

The usual finish time of 3.20pm will apply at term ends.

All dates are inclusive.

Training days are unconfirmed and may be subject to change.



Key dates for your diary 2017-2018

September

Monday 11th September- School photos.

WC 18th September- Newnham book week

Friday 22nd September- Book mufti day

Thursday 21st September- FoNS AGM and welcome 19:45 school hall

Wednesday 27th September- Harvest Festival 9:30 at Newnham Church

October

Monday 2nd- Friday 6th October- Longtown Residential for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils

Wednesday 11th October- Wolves class assembly at 9:00. Followed by the Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall expected return around 18:00hrs

Tuesday 17th October- Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

Wednesday 18th October- Pups class assembly at 9:00

Thursday 19th October- Diwali whole school enrichment day

Thursday 19th October- FoNS Halloween Disco

November

Wednesday 8th Nov- Cubs class assembly at 9:00

December

Friday 1st December- FoNS Mufti for hamper donations.

Monday 11th-Friday 15th December- Wolves class enterprise week

Friday 15th December -Whole school visit to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty in Leamington

Monday 18th December- Termly report out to parents

Monday 18th December- Cubs class Nativity production at 14:00 and 18:00

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

Tuesday 19th December- FoNS Christmas Fete

January

Wednesday 31st January- FoNS Cheese and Wine Tasting (or better still Wine and Cheese Tasting).

February

Thursday 8th February- FoNS Valentines Disco

Friday 9th February- Chinese New Year whole school enrichment day and school fundraising

Saturday 24th February- FoNS Progressive Supper



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March

Thursday 8th March- FoNS Mother's Day sale

Tuesday 13th March - Parents evening 15:20-17:00 and 18:00-19:30

Monday 19th March- School photos.

Monday 26th-Thursday 29th March- Cubs class enterprise week

Monday 26th March- Termly report out to parents

Tuesday 27th March- Pups class production at 14:00 and 18:00

Thursday 29th March- **Easter service 9:30 at Newnham Church**

Thursday 29th March- FoNS Easter Egg Hunt

April

April- FoNS School tea towel/bag.

Friday 20th April- 'Earth Day' whole school fundraising

May

Monday 14th- Thursday 17th May- Year 6 SATs

Monday 21st- Thursday 24th May- Year 2 SATs

Thursday 24th May- FoNS Apres SATs Disco

Friday 25th May- FoNS Mufti for chocolate and wine.

June

Monday 11th- Thursday 14th June- Year 1 phonics screening

Thursday 14th June- FoNS Father's Day sale.

Friday 15th June- Eid whole school enrichment day

Wednesday 20th June – Sports Day 13:30 – 15:00

July

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July- Pups class enterprise week

Friday 6th July - FoNS Mufti a day at the beach for teddies.

Tuesday 10th July- Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

Thursday 12th July – Summer Fete

Monday 16th July- Termly report out to parents

Thursday 19th July- **Leavers' service in Newnham Church at 9:30**