



### **Book recommendation of the week.**

How The Grinch Stole Christmas – Dr. Seuss

The ultimate Dr. Seuss Christmas classic, no holiday season is complete without the Grinch, Max, Cindy-Lou, and all the residents of Who-ville!

This heartwarming story about the effects of the Christmas spirit will grow even the coldest and smallest of hearts.

# Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

This week has been our second assessment point of the year. All the children have worked incredibly hard all week – well done to all of them.

On Wednesday, the children in the Ladybirds and the Hares class got to experience the Explorer Dome. This filled the hall and all the children crawled inside and found out all about the constellations, stories from history, facts about the planets and we tried to get our heads around the size of the universe!

It has also been a week full of rehearsing. The Ladybirds are preparing for their Nativity and have really enjoyed having the stage to practise on. The Foxes are busy getting ready for their class assembly on Tuesday where we will be finding out all about animals and their habitats. The Hares are fine tuning their skills ready for their ukulele performance on Wednesday. We are looking forward to all of these events and hope that you are able to attend them to see all of the wonderful learning that has been taking place over this term.

A number of children had the opportunity to attend a badminton skills event on Wednesday and this will be followed up in the new year by a badminton specialist visiting the school and doing some coaching with other children in the school so we look forward to this.

Don't forget to fish out your Christmas Jumpers ready for Friday and bring in an item for our Christmas Hampers... Christmas really has begun!

Have a wonderful weekend and as ever, thank you for all your support.

Mrs Gaffney

## Awards and Achievements

### **Weekly House points**

Birch:	112
Chestnut:	109
Oak:	131
Sycamore:	140

### **Star Writer Certificates:**

Jessica M, Alice, Eva, Woody, Callum, Marley, Oliver

### **Star Mathematician Certificates:**

Braiden, Chloe, Emma, Summer, Lewis Cu, Luke W, Caitlin

### **Headteacher's Award:**

Jessica Cl, Payton, Alice, Poppy, Matthew

### **Star Artiste Award:**

Archie, Jude, Harry, Rhys

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Ladybirds	99.17%
Foxes	98%
Hares	98.10%
Otters	96.12%
Whole School	97.89%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	97.40%
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# Newnham Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Curriculum news

#### Ladybirds Class

This week in the Ladybirds we have started thinking about 2D shapes. We have used the language of corners and sides/edges to describe the similarities and differences between the shapes. In talk for writing, we have finished mapping 'Whatever Next!' and have made lists of items we would take with us to the moon. The Y1 children have given reasons for their choices using 'so that' and 'because'. We really enjoyed the Explorer Dome and found out lots about the constellations and the planets. We have also enjoyed using the stage to practise our nativity!

#### Foxes Class

The children have showed great determination in all their tests during assessment week. In English they finished their amber writes and produced fabulous, informative reports. They are all busy practising their lines for our class assembly on Tuesday.

#### Hares Class

Throughout the week the children have been working extremely hard completing assessment papers covering: Arithmetic, Spelling, grammar, punctuation and reading. On Wednesday, we had the Explorer Dome visit which we all thoroughly enjoyed viewing the images of space and identifying stars and constellations in the night sky. We also completed pictures of the solar system using chalk pastels and paint. We have had our final lesson before the ukulele concert next Wednesday. Rather a packed week!

#### Otters Class

This week the year 6 children have had a number of assessments. We then went over each of the tests to look at test technique. In English, we have continued to learn the text Safia and the Captain and in maths we have started to learn about fractions. In science we have been learning about animal and plant cells by looking at diagrams and key words. Our history topic has moved onto World War 1. We learnt about some of the main events in the war and created letters in the role of a soldier in the trench.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Performing Arts Club 3.20pm  
Dance Club 3.20pm

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Art Club 3.20-4.20pm  
Choir Club 12.30-1.00pm  
Open Afternoon – 1-3pm  
Foxes Class Assembly 2.45pm

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Cooking Club 3.20pm  
Invasion Games Club 3.20pm  
Hares Ukulele performance 2.45pm

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Movie Club 3.20pm  
Year 5/6 Athletics @ Daventry Leisure Centre 2-5pm

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Judo 3.20pm (last session this term)  
FoNS Christmas Jumper Day for hamper donations

### School Messages

#### Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and is now up on ParentPay should you wish to book. For anyone that has already booked until the end of term, you will need to reselect lunch for this day and the previous day (due to an error on Chartwells side). The menu is also up right through to Easter, should you wish to be super organised.

#### Pantomime

We are nearing that time of year.....oh yes we are! if you haven't returned your permission slip and payment, please do so ASAP. Many Thanks. **We will be unable to take your child(ren) to the pantomime without signed consent.**

#### After School Clubs

Please note that NO after school clubs are running the last week of term (w/c.17<sup>th</sup> December)

### FoNS

Don't forget it is Christmas Jumper day next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for food/drink hamper donations for the Christmas raffle. Information regarding this was sent home this week, but if you are unsure, please speak to the school office.

There are also more raffle tickets in the office should you require them.

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## Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

<b>Term 1</b>	(Training Day (Training Day <b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> September 5 <sup>th</sup> September 6 <sup>th</sup> September 19 <sup>th</sup> October
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Monday Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> October 19 <sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Holidays -			
<b>Term 3</b>	(Training Day (Training Day <b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Thursday Friday Monday Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019 4 <sup>th</sup> January 7 <sup>th</sup> January 15 <sup>th</sup> February
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 4</b>	(Training Day <b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Monday Tuesday Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> February 26 <sup>th</sup> February 5 <sup>th</sup> April
- Spring Holidays -			
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Term Begins</b> <b>School Closed – Mayday</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Tuesday Monday Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 6 <sup>th</sup> May 24 <sup>th</sup> May
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term Begins</b> <b>Term Ends</b>	Monday Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 24 <sup>th</sup> July

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 2018-2019

### December

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 4 and 5 Ukulele assembly/concert

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – FoNS Christmas Jumper Day for hamper donations

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Ladybird's Nativity 14.30 and 17.30

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** -Whole school visit to the pantomime Dick Whittington in Leamington

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Termly report out to parents

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – FoNS Christmas Fete and Carols on The Green

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas service 9:30 at Newnham Church

### January

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 4 and 5 Enterprise Week

### February

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 2 and 3 Class Assembly 14.45

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents evening 15:30-20.00

### March

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Special Event Day: Shrove Tuesday

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Special Event Day: World Book Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 2 and 3 Enterprise Week

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Termly report out to parents

### April

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Foxes Easter performance 14.30 and 17.30

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Service at Newnham Church 14.30

### May

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATs

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly 14.45

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 SATs

### June

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1 phonics screening

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1 Enterprise Week



## Key dates for your diary 2018-2019...cont.

### July

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Special Event Day: American Independence

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - – Hares and Otters Summer production at 18:00

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Hares and Otters Summer production at 14:30 and 18:00

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Termly report out to parents

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Leavers' service at Newnham Church at 9:15

**\*Dates may be subject to change**



# After School Clubs (3.20-4.15pm)

Monday	Dance Club Performing Arts Club	Years 2+ R, Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	Art Club ( <i>outside provider – payment required</i> )	Years 2+
Wednesday	Cooking Club Invasion Games (netball, basketball, handball)	Years 2+3 Years 4, 5 & 6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo ( <i>outside provider – payment required</i> )	Years 1+