

Quote of the week

'Educating the mind without educating the heart, is no education at all.' Aristotle.



Book recommendation of the week

Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers
A boy, a penguin and the prospect of rowing to the South Pole. A wonderful picture book that uses art to really tell the story, prompting lots of discussion.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 30th June 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,
Each week I am astounded at just how busy the school is and just how much there is done. We had a very important but very dull time in the office this week, inputting school performance data onto various governmental websites. The children did so well. When you receive the reports, you will see how well your child did against national averages and very importantly how much progress they have made. However, thinking about the whole school picture, I am so proud of the children and staff as we have exceeded national standards in EYFS, KS1 and KS2. These wonderful results are because of the consistent hard work of your children and their great attitudes to learning. We are a small school with huge ambition and the children's work and effort certainly reflect that ambition. This is an incredible result, especially when it is considered that the school had a change of leadership during the year. After the turbulence of last year our school is once again beginning to grow. We are expecting more children in Reception than are leaving in Year 6 and in the year transfers are positive too. This is all fabulous news for our school.

As we arrive at the end of the last full month in this academic year and we are processing data from it, it is inescapable that we are thinking about next year. Of course, there is learning to be done, of course there are achievements to be celebrated and of course there are improvements to be made before Summer starts. However, today all pupils from Rec to Yr 5 have been given a letter to take home outlining some changes for next year and informing you of who their teacher/s will be. Finally, we are looking forward to the Summer Cup next week when our older children will have the opportunity to compete in the presence of Olympic greatness. Sir Steve Redgrave will be there. I am sure you will join me in wishing our competitors all the very best as they represent the school.

Thank you all,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

House points

Birch:	109
Chestnut:	86
Sycamore	87
Oak:	97

Attendance Award: Otters

Headteachers Award: Jacob Roby, Oli Hillidge and Matthew Adams

Star Writer Certificates: Benjamin Tarbox, Martha Coburn, Olivia Denney, Maria Gayton, Theo Roby, Tom Ratcliffe and Ben Whitrow.

Star Mathematician Certificates: Jacob Haynes, Amelie Baker, Harry McCulloch, Matthew Adams, Kate Kortegas and Emelia Fowler.

House Points Certificates:

Birch – Bogdan Hantea, Oscar Searle, Lewis Smith, Charlie Townsend, Theo Roby and Jacob Roby.

Chestnut – Lily Clare, Connie Dolan, Rhys Worth and Sofia Bates.

Oak – Benjamin Tarbox

Sycamore – Summer Hallam

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 23rd June 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	98.9%
Otters	100%
Foxes	97.6%
Owls	93.6%
Whole School	97.2%

For whole school year to 23rd June 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.4%
Otters	96.8%
Foxes	96.0%
Owls	97.1%
Whole School	96.8%

Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

EYFS/Year One

This week in the Ladybirds and Frogs, we have started looking at 'On the Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan. We have looked at the different parts of the poem and started to put our own spin on it! In maths we have continued looking at number and building our problem solving skills and independence. The children have completed their final pieces of Andy Goldworthy art, and evaluated their work. They look fantastic!

Year Two

This week we have been busy writing play scripts that we will use to perform a show with the puppets we are making in DT. We have included setting descriptions and stage directions. We have been looking at directional language in maths and have given instructions on how to get from A to B by using quarter turns, half turns and full turns and thinking about the direction we need to turn in. We also looked at directions in Geography but this time using a compass to see what we could find at 8 points in the classroom and playground. In Science we sorted animals according to whether they were herbivorous, carnivorous or omnivorous.

Curriculum news KS2

Years 3 and 4

In literacy this week, we have been reading the story 'The Indian in the Cupboard'. The children have been writing stories where they have been shrunk down into mini versions of themselves. In maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter which has involved a lot of measuring and problem solving around the classroom. In science, we have been learning about mirrors and reflection with some fun games. In topic we have been writing poetry about Pocahontas and we have been on an information hunt for facts about the Gold Rush.

Years 5 and 6

This week we have been using our independent writing skills to create lovely pieces of work. This has also led onto our next topic where we have been looking at narrative poetry, the use of imagery and the work of Michael Rosen. In Maths we have been looking at the wonderful world of money. We have been shopping online, comparing prices and searching for the best deals, using percentages to justify our choices.

FoNS

Thank you for the contributions for **Mufti Day** for the FoNS Teddy Tombola stall and the Wine and Water stall at the **School Fete which is on Thursday 13th July** and starts at 3.20pm. Please see notice board for details. Raffle tickets are still on sale – more books are available from the office. Thank you, FoNS

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd July

Brass Sessions
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 4th July

Wednesday 5th July

DRET Summer Cup all day – various KS2 children
Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime
Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday 6th July

Induction and Transition morning 9am-12noon
Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm
This is the last session of Athletics Club

Friday 7th July

Induction and Transition morning 9am-12noon
Strings Sessions
Judo

Monday 10th July

Brass Sessions
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 11th July

Wednesday 12th July

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime
Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday 13th July

School Fete 3.20pm
No Athletics Club tonight – Club finished

Friday 14th July

Strings Sessions
Judo

Tuesday 18th July – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 19th July – Sports Day 1.15-3.20pm

Thursday 20th July – Leavers Service at Church 9.30am

Friday 21st July – Term ends 3.20pm

School Messages

Sun Cream

If the forecast is for a sunny day, please apply sun cream to your child before leaving home in the morning. We ask that children **do not bring their own sun cream into school** due to the risk of allergens from children sharing products with each other.

The school does have many shady areas for the children to enjoy too. If individual arrangements need to be made please liaise with the class teachers.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you so much for sending the **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** into school. The deadline was Friday 30th June. However, if you have any, the children will start counting them soon, so please try to get them to us by Monday so they can be included. Many thanks.

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School Clubs

School Clubs continue until week ending Friday 21st July unless marked. If for any reason a club is cancelled we will advise you on the newsletter or by email/text.

Clubs Terms 5 & 6	7:30-8:45 Every day of term	12.30 – 13.00	15.20 – 16.15	15:20-18:00 Every day of term
Monday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Homework Club - 12:30	Art Club – Mrs Gardener* 3.30 – 4.30pm	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Tuesday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club			Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Wednesday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Freestyle*	Movie Club – Miss Parker and Mr Johnson	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Thursday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club		Athletics – Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp last session 6th July	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Friday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Maths Club - Mr Burnapp. Yr 6 only	Judo* 3.30- 4:30pm	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club

*Outside providers

For more details about Daventry Rangers before and after school club, please see their website:
www.davrangers.wix.com/sport and click on the link at the top of the home page to see Newnham Rangers.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Term 6

Term Ends

Friday

21 July 2017

3.20pm



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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.