

'If you really want to do something you will find a way. If you don't you'll find an excuse.'
 – Jim Rohn



For the book top tip this week it is an old classic! Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham. The Guardian says, 'A story of real drama observed with gentle humour.' A quote I would like to echo. A lovely, lovely story for sharing with younger readers.

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 5th May 2017

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,
 What a lovely week. Also, a short one for school. I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday.
 Again, we have enjoyed a busy and productive week and the children are really getting their teeth into learning.
 I have been in contact with Chris Heaton-Harris, who apologises for not being able to make the first slot. He could've arrived later but I suggested that parents may wish to enjoy the assembly too. So, we have re-scheduled for Friday 19th May at 09:00am. In my humble opinion a definite date for the diary. Even if it is just to see if a politician can talk for around 30 mins without talking about politics 😊. I know teachers can't go for that long without talking about school!
 In Ladybirds, there are some chicks at the moment and they are cheeping away merrily. The children love them.
 Next week as you may know it is the National Key Stage 2 testing week. All children in Year 6 will sit a series of tests, under fairly strict conditions. I am sure you will all join me in wishing the children who are taking these tests the very best. I have witnessed the learning and the effort they put into their work and I know Mr Burnapp has been drilling the children so as to reduce any trepidation they may feel towards the test. That said, a little healthy anxiety does get the brain firing on all cylinders and complacency can lead to disaster. I am sure the children will find the balance they need to achieve the best results they can. For this weekend, I would publicly suggest NO revision, just a little gentle reading for pleasure.
 As ever thank you all,
 Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

House points

Birch:	33
Chestnut:	39
Sycamore	53
Oak:	56

Attendance Award: Frogs and Ladybirds

Headteachers Award: Emmie Madden and Charlie Townsend

Star Writer Certificates: Aiden Collins, Luke Worth, Charlie Townsend, Olivia Thomas-Huckin and Millie Grieve.

Mathematician Certificates: Frank Todd, Oli Hillidge, Rhys Worth, Kate Kortegas and Thomas Jebson

House Points Certificates:

Birch – Frank Todd.

Sycamore – Sam McCulloch, Lachlan Greig and Xavier Hakeem.

Oak – James Dean, Millie Grieve, Tom Ratcliffe and Ben Whitrow.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 28th April 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.6%
Otters	98.5%
Foxes	98.4%
Owls	97.3%
Whole School	97.9%

For whole school year to 28th April 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.3%
Otters	97.1%
Foxes	96.0%
Owls	97.1%
Whole School	96.8%

Community - Aspiration - Achievement



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Weekly Newsletter

Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

EYFS/Year One

We have been looking at the story Jack and the Beanstalk in Literacy and in Maths we have been learning about subtraction using a number line.

Our eggs have hatched and we have 3 little chicks. We have named them Stuart, Rosie and Lewis. Thank you to Miss Burrows who comes into school each day to feed and check up on them, and takes them away to look after over the weekends.

Year Two

The children have been very busy identifying and using the different types of word, sentence and punctuation we use when writing and using these to create their own fabulous sentences. In Maths we have been colouring fractions of a shape and are now exploring 2D shapes and their properties. We have carried on researching the lives of Rosa Parks and Emily Davison, and have made some fantastic progress with our interpretation of a painting by Gayle DuJohn. The children were only given primary colours and white... any other colours they wanted, they had to make!

Curriculum news KS2

Years 3 and 4

This week year 3/4 have continued work on the Wild West. They have designed their own good and bad characters and they have started to use them in their own extended piece of writing. In maths they have been learning about 3D shapes and they created nets. They even made their own 3D shapes models of people in a Western town. In science the children set up a plant growing investigation that will be reviewed throughout the rest of the term.

Years 5 and 6

This week in Year 5 and 6 we have continued our separation. The Year 6's have had a dry run of the upcoming SATS week and they did very well indeed. They are near peak condition and performance. The Year 5's have been looking into division in all its wonder, including remainders.

Movie Club

Miss Parker and Mr Johnson have opened up the afterschool **Movie Club** to KS1 children too. It is held on Wednesdays 3.20-4.15pm. If your KS1 child would like to attend, please ask for a letter at the school office so a permission slip can be completed. Thank you.

School Messages

We are once again collecting the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. A collecting box is located in the school office reception area. Please could you ask your family, friends and neighbours to collect them for us too? Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th May

KS2 SATS
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Brass Sessions

Tuesday 9th May

KS2 SATS

Wednesday 10th May

KS2 SATS
Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime
Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday 11th May

KS2 SATS
Rugby Festival at Long Buckby KS1 - afternoon
Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm

Friday 12th May

Strings Sessions
Judo

Monday 15th May

Brass Sessions
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 16th May

Wednesday 17th May

Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday 18th May

Celebration Assembly 9.00am
Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm

Friday 19th May

Special Assembly with Chris Heaton-Harris (postponed from 5th May). Parents are welcome.
Strings Sessions
Judo

FoNS

Members – Every Parent/Carer is a Friend of Newnham School. If you are interested in helping in any way at a FoNS event or to get more involved with FoNS, please speak with Helen Coburn (Martha's Mum) or Clare Sherwood (Benjamin's Mum).

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School Clubs

School Clubs continue until week ending Friday 14th 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 until 17th July 2017	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	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

	School Closed – Mayday	Monday	1 May 2017
	Term Ends	Friday	26 May 2017
		- End of Term Break -	
Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	5 June 2017
	Term Ends	Friday	21 July 2017

The usual finish time of 3.20pm will apply at term ends.
 All dates are inclusive.



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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

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Training days are unconfirmed and may be subject to change.