



# Newnham News

Friday 23 February 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

## Attachments

- Netball and Athletic Easter Camps

### Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Next week is an excellent chance for you to find out about your child's learning as we have our open afternoon on Monday and parent/teacher consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday – see below for how to sign up if you have not done so already.

Currently our greetings are in Turkish:

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|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Welcome        | Hoşgeldiniz (Hosh gel din iz) |
| Hello          | Merhaba (mehr hah bah)        |
| Good morning   | Günaydın (Guen eye duhn)      |
| Good afternoon | İyi günler (Tuen eye duhn)    |
| Good bye       | Hoşçakalın (Hosh cha kaluhn)  |

Please see this link for help with pronunciation:

<http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/turkish/player.html>

Next week the music in assembly will be Johann Sebastian Bach's Invention No. 14 in B Flat Minor.

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1 March with a variety of reading and writing activities. Children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character for the day and bring in their book. We will have an assembly to show off the characters and enjoy a story. Later in the day the whole school will be writing a story together and doing some shared reading. Each child will be given a book token which can be exchanged for one of the World Book Day books or put towards another book.

### Parent/Guardian Survey 2018

Staff and governors would be very grateful if you could spend a short amount of time completing the survey online before Friday 2 March. If you do not have access to the internet please ask the office for a hard copy. The survey covers many aspects of school life and your feedback is important to us so that we can plan future developments. Please complete this survey online via link below; paper copies will be available for those without online access: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4176564/Newnham-Croft-Primary-School-Parents-Carers-Survey-2018>

We will look after any personal data you provide and keep it confidential. The school regards the lawful treatment of personal information as very important, is committed to the principles of data protection and is fully compliant with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. Many thanks for your support with this.

### TEDx Newnham College Forest School

Thank you to all the children, parents and Liz Bicknell for creating such a wonderful maze last Saturday – a scaled down version of the famous 60 metre long Newnham College corridor. The sun shone and the children had plenty of help from Newnham College students, alumni and members of the community attending the conference.



### Parent/Teacher Consultations

The eSchools online booking tool is available to book slots for parent/teacher consultations on Tuesday 27 October 4 – 6.30 pm or Wednesday 28 October 1.30 – 4 pm. The username is name.surname ie helen.bracey. If you have forgotten your eSchools password there is an option in the booking tool to re-set it. Open the website link below, from the menu choose Parents/Parent Login then click 'I've forgotten my password'. Parents of children on the SEND register should make a separate appointment. [www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk)

### School Library

We are pleased to inform you that our library will be open after school on Mondays until 3.30 pm for parents who would like to help their children choose a book – particularly Reception and Key Stage 1.

## African Dance

On Tuesday each class had an opportunity to experience some African dance with Pape from African Activities, funded by our Sports Premium. The children and staff really enjoyed it as well as getting a good workout.

## Science Week

This year, National Science and Engineering Week will be from 9-18 March (<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org>) and the Cambridge University Science Festival will be from 12-25 March. The festival is offering a number of family events and classes, including two free family fun days (programmes available online and some hard copies in the foyer). At school during the week all classes will be investigating a range of science topics and we will have a whole school science morning on Thursday 15 March. We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to come in to give a talk or run a workshop. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help in class on our Science morning Thursday 15 March. [www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk](http://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk)

The Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit will be hosting a Science Night on Wednesday 14th March, 6pm-8.30pm, as part of the 2018 Cambridge Science Festival. The event includes some exciting hands-on demonstrations and several short talks by researchers, exploring how the brain works and how it is related to cognition. The event is free, more details can be found in the attached poster or here: <http://www.mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk/blog/2018/02/mrc-cbu-science-night-2018-cambridge-science-festival>.

## Year 3/4 Production – CHANGE OF DATE

Both performances of the Year 3 and 4 play will be on Tuesday 20 March at 2pm and 6pm. There WILL NOT be a performance of 21 March at 6pm

**Year 3/4 Dance Assembly** – Thursday 8 March at 9.10am – parents welcome.

## Narrative Writing by Julia in Year 3:

### The Cat and the Frog

One breezy autumn afternoon when there was a slight chill in the air, a very clumsy cat was stuck in a lake. You see, as clumsy people do, she wasn't looking where she was going, so she had fallen headfirst into the lake.

Meanwhile, an incredibly dirty frog was hopping along to his home on the other side of a rapid, churning sea. "Ahh", he thought as he bounced along. "How nice it is to hear the twittering of the beautiful skylark and the...hang on a minute, what is this? It sounds like a distress call."

When he finally reached the riverbank, he saw the poor, bedraggled cat floundering in the water. He then flopped in the water and swam out towards her. As soon as he was close enough, he grabbed hold of the cat's paw and hauled her back towards the riverbank, and dry land.

After a very long ten minutes of sitting by the riverbank, they set off for the final, most difficult and preposterously tiring obstacle. It was the raging sea – the one that lead to the frog's home.

They soon discovered that the only way to get both of them across the water was for the frog to carry the cat on his back. The only thing they had to help them was an array of tiny lily pads, laid across the sea. It was now stormy and the rain beat down, like a gigantic drum was being played in the heavens above, and evening was coming closer every second, and the light was fading fast.

The frog swiftly jumped onto the first lily pad, with the agility of a panther, the stealthiness of a fox and he didn't wobble! Once he was on the fifth lily pad, he wobbled but luckily didn't fall off.

After 1 hour of hard toil, the frog and the cat lay down on the other side of the sea, exhausted. They then began the long trek to the frog's home. Finally, the cat and the frog reached the frog's home and he said to the cat "Don't be so clumsy in future. Remember to look where you're going!"

**School Meals** The school lunch menu for the week beginning 26 February will be Week 1. Cost per meal £2.30.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, a copy of which can be found on our school website: [www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully, Sharon Williams, Headteacher

## Diary Dates

|                                  |          |     |             |       |        |        |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Open Afternoon Rec/KS1           | 2-3pm    | KS2 | 3.30-4.30pm | ..... | 26 Feb |        |
| Class photos                     |          |     |             |       | .....  | 27 Feb |
| Parent/teacher consultations     | 4-6.30pm |     |             |       | .....  | 27 Feb |
| Parent/teacher consultations     | 1.30-4pm |     |             |       | .....  | 28 Feb |
| World Book Day                   |          |     |             |       | .....  | 1 Mar  |
| Forest Schools R&R/1 am, 1/2N pm |          |     |             |       | .....  | 2 Mar  |
| Y6 drama workshop                |          |     |             |       | .....  | 2 Mar  |

## Community News

**Cambridge Mosque Open Day** Muslim Education & Outreach Cambridge and Abu Bakr Mosque cordially invite you to their OPEN DAY on Sunday 18 February 2018. This event is part of a national event organised by Muslim Council of Britain. Over 200 Mosques nationally are opening their doors to all communities and faith groups on the day. Cambridge Mosque is also celebrating this event and welcoming everyone from Cambridgeshire and surrounding areas. Please bring your families, friends and neighbours and enjoy a cup of tea and savouries whilst touring the Mosque. You will be able to watch live prayers, recitation of Quran, call to prayer (Azan), meet and interact with Muslims, kids activities, henna painting, hijab tutorials and many more.

**Charity Disco** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 8pm-midnight at Coton Village Hall. Entry £10 to include raffle ticket. All funds raised donated to Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. Tickets available from Anna 07780 654782. Thank you for your support. Registered Charity number 1103253

**Netball and Athletic Easter Camps** – see posters attached.