



# Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our International Afternoon yesterday. It is lovely to celebrate the myriad cultures that make up our community and any event that brings parents into school is always a success; it feels like we are slowly getting back to the pre-pandemic level of involvement.

As we always bang on about, education is a team effort, with parents the very centre of that team. So it is reassuring to feel that the school's bond with our parent community is burgeoning.

With this in mind, could I encourage you to have a think over the Spring break about what time/support you might be able to give to the PTA's Summer Fete. This wonderful, annual event is under real threat this year due to lack of volunteers. Send an email to [newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com](mailto:newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com) to register your interest.

All the staff hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you in the full wing of spring on Tuesday 16th April.

Kind regards  
Edward Ferguson

## Diary Dates

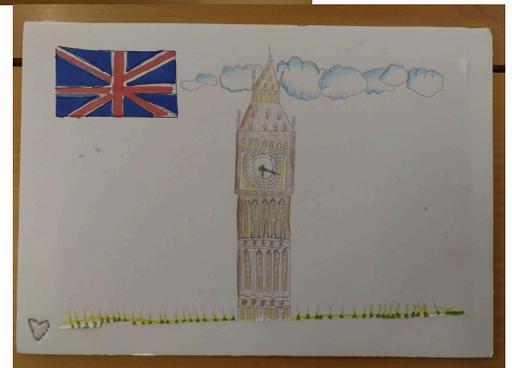
Last day of spring term	Thurs 28 Mar
First day of summer term	Tues 16 April
Year 3 swimming	Wed 17 April
Year 4 swimming	Wed 17 April
Year 2 swimming	Tuesday 23rd April

Please check the school calendar on our website, which is updated regularly.

**Our language of the month is Polish. Please see the words we have learned in the attached file.**

## International Afternoon and PTA Food Stall

Thank you to those who came along to our International Afternoon. With such wonderfully creative flags designed by our pupils and tables groaning with foods from around the world, it was a true success. The PTA stall raised £283.11, so thank you for your generosity.



Some flags from Year 4

## Red Nose Day

A few weeks ago, we celebrated Red Nose Day by having a bake sale and telling some jokes. Thanks again to your generosity, as we raised £104.45 for Comic Relief.

## Parent workshops

Find attached two posters from the Education Inclusion Family Advisor team.

One offers workshops covering:

- Getting it right for the Children
- Sibling Rivalry
- What to do when kids push your buttons
- Managing challenging behaviour

The second poster offers workshops looking at transitions between different education settings.

## ECO NEWS

This week, in an assembly, the children were told about a few campaigns we're getting involved in at school.

Firstly, we are starting to recycle batteries. The scheme 'Recycle to Read' gives the opportunity to win reading books for the school by collecting batteries. We will be collecting



AAA, AA, C, D, 9V batteries and button batteries. Lithium batteries need to have tape over their contacts. The children learnt the impact old batteries can have if they are sent to landfill, and the waste of resources if the metals are not recycled.

Our collection point is in the main office, under the screen. Please ask if you're unsure.

Our second campaign, aimed at reducing waste and raising money is Bag2School. This holidays might be a good opportunity to have a clear out of old clothes, soft toys, belts and bags. If these can be put into



**BAG 2  
SCHOOL**

bags and brought into school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April then it will be collected and weighed before

being reused. More information is in the attached letter.

Our last Eco-related fundraiser is an optional sponsored litter pick. So many children feel passionate about keeping our environment litter-free and Spring is a great time to get busy with cleaning up our environment. We'd love it if keen litter pickers were able to choose a local space to clear up. We thought it could be a good opportunity to fundraise towards the cost of coaches for Key Stage 2, who are visiting the Waste Recycling Centre in Waterbeach in May, by seeing if any children would like to be sponsored for their litter pick. It could be how long they litter pick for or for how many pieces/bags of litter collected. This is an optional activity. Please make sure children are supervised and safe when picking litter. (wearing gloves is ideal). A sponsorship form is attached with the newsletter.



#### **Extra curricular clubs**

The timetable for lunch-time and after-school clubs has been sent out today. Please see the attached file. Contact the club providers directly to make a booking and please make a note of the start and end date.

#### **School Meals**

The three weekly menu rota is attached. Next week's menu will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

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)