



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

In school, adults and children have been working on an update to our school vision. We have tried to create a vision which concisely represents the school's values and what we believe will make our children successful.

Roots to grow, wings to fly

To help every child find the confidence, self-belief and resilience that will enable them to explore, value and appreciate the world.



If you would like to understand a little more behind the thinking that went into this, click on this link ([School vision](#)). As you can see, we have also revamped the logo a little. I hope you feel the sentiment successfully represents what underpins all we do.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the fireworks tomorrow. Enjoy your weekends.

Kind regards
Eddie Ferguson

Diary Dates

PTA Fireworks Night	4 Nov
Forest School Y6 am	10 Nov
Flu vaccinations whole school	21 Nov
e-Safety online workshop 8-9.30pm	21 Nov
Rec and KS1 performance 2pm	12 Dec
Rec and KS1 performance 9.30am	13 Dec
Last day of term	13 Dec

e-Safety online workshop for parents

We are pleased to be able to invite parents to take part in an e-safety session, provided over Zoom on Tuesday 21st November from 8-9:30pm. We are hoping that this time of day makes it more accessible to parents, and is something which we feel is relevant to parents of all aged children. The online session has been highly recommended by other schools as an insight into the modern risks to children online. It will be run by the '2 Johns', who are both qualified Police and EST E-Safety Trainers. The 2 Johns seek to change everyone's approach to Online Child Exploitation and better enable them to deal with the very real modern-day risks.

For more information about The 2 Johns, you can see their website: <https://esafetytraining.org/> We will send out links for joining the meeting nearer the time, but hope as many of you will be able to attend.

Message from KS2 English Subject Leads

Please see the attachment regarding the introduction of reading folders for KS2.

Morning Club

There are still a few places available at Morning Club for Reception, KS1 & KS2 from 8:00 am to 8:40 am, providing a supervised and welcoming environment. Please visit our website for more information and details of registration and fees: <http://www.newnhamnursery.co.uk/morning-club> or please email Susan at morningclub@newnhamnursery.co.uk

Classroom news:

Reception

Reception have had a very positive start to this half term and the class really do look at home now. This week, we started our new class topic of 'Let's Celebrate', during which we will be finding out about the common features of celebrations from around the world. We will be starting off by looking at birthday traditions and the class already have so much knowledge about the subject. Who doesn't love presents and cake?

Years 1 and 2

It's been lovely to welcome back all of KS1. We started the week by introducing them to their new topic The Gunpowder Plot. All classes thought about the time in history when Guy Fawkes was alive and the items that he would have used. In English, all classes have been looking at the features of recounts; writing in the past tense and using chronological order to record the events that have taken place in their day, and for the Year 2s to include powerful verbs and adjectives. All children practised writing up a recount of their day. In Maths, Year 1s have recapped subtraction and used word problems. In Year 2, the children have applied their number bonds to 10 and 20 and number facts to help them with working out adding single digits to 2-digit numbers. In Science, we've started looking at living, non-living and never been alive, to categorise objects and organisms. The children were given a range of objects to sort into these groups. Lastly, in PE, KS1 have been exploring different types of rolls and practised forwards roll, egg roll and a teddy bear roll. All e-books have been uploaded to the Big Cat Portal. Well done for a hardworking week KS1!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy first week back after the autumn break. In our History lessons, the children enjoyed starting to learn about Ancient Egypt. They looked at photos of various artefacts and thought about what they might have been used for. In Maths lessons, the children worked on finding answers to division problems with remainders and doubling and halving numbers using partitioning. In English lessons, the children enjoyed listening to *The Tiger Child* by Joanna Troughton and various Indian Folk Tales contained in *Seasons of Splendour* by Madhur Jaffrey.

Year 4

In English, we have started reading *Grimwood* by Nadia Shireen and met some interesting characters. Alex wrote: 'The horrible cat has lost a claw and she's got beady, red eyes and the sharpest teeth in town.' Ayin described a cat that: 'has many scars from all her battles and extremely sharp hearing.' In Maths, we practised adding and subtracting money and finding the difference by counting up. We also began a new unit on multiplication and division. In Science, we did some practical work outside which helped us to explain about the different forces used in P.E. Please find attached this week's spellings.

Year 5

Year 5 have settled back very well after the half term break and have launched themselves into our new topics. In Maths, we are learning about equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions as well as comparing fractions with different denominators to decide which is greater. In English, we planned stories in a faraway place, inspired by *The Cloud Tea Monkeys* and wrote our first drafts. We focused on hooking the reader in through an interesting opening and writing techniques to keep the reader's interest throughout. We began our Geography topic, *Deserts*, by exploring the different biomes around the world and what makes a desert a desert. In Science, we discussed how to classify things using classification keys and how scientists classify different forms of life.

Year 6

This week, we have been working on our Black History bio-posters and some of us even showed theirs in assembly! This half term, we started a new topic on *Deserts* and finished our topic on *Ancient Greece*. We also created posters of different biomes such as the *Tundra* and the *Savanna*. We've started a new Science topic on classifying different species. On Thursday, we sorted and grouped different types of liquorice until all of them were in their own classification (there were 7 different types). We have started a new sport in PE which is netball, although we couldn't do it because it was very heavily raining so instead we played a class favourite – dodgeball. *By Leon and Rupert*

School Meals

The three weekly menu rota is attached. The first week of next term will be week 3. 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.

PTA NEWS

Donations for the Christmas Jumper Sale

It's not too late to donate to the Christmas jumper sale. Please bring your unwanted Christmas jumpers directly to the stall in the playground at the fireworks evening - and browse for a "new" one while you're there! See attachment for details.

Christmas trees now on sale!

The PTA are delighted to be selling wonderfully-fresh, locally grown Christmas trees again this year, with a new exciting **fully online order form**. Click here to order now <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1065221380>. Trees can be collected from school on Fri 1st Dec and Sat 2nd Dec. We are also offering delivery if you live within 1 mile of the school. We have dispensed with paper leaflets to help the environment, so would be very grateful for help to spread the word about our fundraiser by sharing the link with WhatsApp groups, friends and neighbours, especially those who may be expecting a paper leaflet. Thank you!

Orders need to be received by 24th Nov, but early orders are really appreciated (by Dani!). Any questions, please email dani@meeprophone.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Coton FC Under 11s – recruiting players for the current season. See poster attached.