



# Newnham News

Friday 23 March 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

## Attachments:

- Parent Survey results
- National Garden Scheme open garden at Newnham Croft
- Cocks & Hens fun day & camps
- NET leaflet
- Easter Bushcraft

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This is the final newsletter for this term so on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a happy spring break! This week it has been lovely to have some sunshine, particularly for Sports Relief. Miss Wakelen organised different activities each day for the children to join in at lunchtime. Many thanks to Miss Wakelen and the staff who ran the activities which included running, skipping, hula hooping, football and today we finished off with dancing and a whole school dance in the cage! We collected donations on the school gate for Sports Relief, who believe everyone deserves the right to live happier, healthier and safer lives. They use the money you raised to tackle critical issues affecting people across the UK and the world.

Many thanks to the many of you who completed our annual parent and carer survey earlier this term. We had an excellent response with 125 parents telling what you like about Newnham Croft and where you think there is room for improvement. The graph attached provides the headlines from the main questions. The governing body discussed the results and written comments for the first time last night, and the Teaching and Learning Committee is going to consider these further. A survey newsletter will be circulated early next term with an analysis of the results and what steps we will take to address any issues raised.

Last year the blue spruce tree was removed by the playground gate for a number of reasons but we are very aware that parents used to shelter under the tree in the morning or at the end of the day when it is raining and children used the shade provided to eat their lunches outside in the summer. We have investigated various designs of canopy to provide some shelter and have decided on a simple wood post structure with a tinted UV filtered polycarbonate roof. The PTA has agreed to fundraise to cover the cost (£3500) and we would be really grateful for any donations from parents via NET (see attached form) towards this project. Many thanks for your support with this.

Currently our greetings are in Turkish:

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 Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons, Spring'.

## Assemblies

This week Rabbi Mordechai Zeller from the Jewish Orthodox Synagogue and Hebrew School came in to tell us the story of Passover. He is a brilliant story teller and has promised to come back next term. We would welcome other speakers from different faiths and beliefs to come into assembly, so please contact the office if you would like to do an assembly or if you have a contact.

## Next Week

Parents are welcome to join us on Monday 26 March 9.15 am for a music assembly with the choirs and recorder groups and for the Year 6 dance assembly on Wednesday 28 March at 9 am. Travelling by Tuba will be performing to the whole school on Tuesday with the theme Best of British. The children will then take part in workshops throughout the day – many thanks to the PTA for funding what I am sure will be a very enjoyable and informative experience for the children.

## Lost Property and Lunchboxes

Please collect all items by the end of Thursday when anything remaining will be recycled!

## Extra-curricular Clubs

Clubs finished this week. The list of summer clubs will be sent out at the end of next week.

## National Open Gardens - Sunday 29 April, 1-5pm

The school gardens will be open on 29 April as part of the prestigious National Open Gardens Scheme. It's a great chance for the school to show off the outside space, and all the year-round hard work of the volunteer gardening team and the children. As part of the event, the PTA is running a cafe in the school hall, hopefully drumming up some extra funds to support the school's outdoor programme. As usual, the event won't be able to run without helpers, so if you'd like to spend a couple of hours playing at car park attendant or cafe manager, the sign up sheet is here: <http://www.slotttr.com/sheets/9966029>. If you can't help on the day but would like to volunteer to make some scones or soup in advance, please email [emily.cleevely@gmail.com](mailto:emily.cleevely@gmail.com). All offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

## Year 3 and 4 Play

The Year 3 and 4 production, Around the World, was a wonderful treat for everyone. The children seemed to really enjoy performing and they sang and danced brilliantly. Thank you to Mrs Turner for writing the script and Mrs Onatskaia for the wonderful singing. Additionally both members of staff, along with Miss Esteve choreographed the dances. Thank you to Mr Ferguson, Mrs Fang, Mrs Mac and Miss D'Oyly for supporting the children and helping them create the excellent back drop and props. Also thanks to Ms Noble for making the refreshments and Mr Jach for setting up the chairs and stage.

£155 was raised for WaterAid – many thanks for your donations. Well done Year 3 & 4!

### Gymnastics Competition

On Thursday five Year 4 children went to the County Final Gymnastics competition. They were a credit to the school all showing great sportsmanship in supporting each other. They all performed their routines perfectly and made Miss Wakelen very proud.

### Chemistry Lecture

On 19 March, Year 5 & 6 attended a very interesting chemistry lecture. We learnt all about gases and what was in the air. We learnt about carbon dioxide and oxygen. There was a massive reaction at the end as a balloon filled with an explosive gas was exploded by the fire stick. Year 5 & 6 very much enjoyed this momentous occasion and hope to go again sometime. We all thank Miss Holliday and Mr Pinnock for taking us and booking the chemistry lecture. *By Nicolas*

### Netball

On Tuesday 20 March six children from our school competed in an exciting netball competition. Although they lost, every member of the team played well and never gave up. They were excellent in defence and tried to do their very best! *By Flora*

### Code Club Assembly

On Tuesday morning Code Club showed the algorithms they have been working on this term to the school in an assembly, ably (as always) abetted by David Maclay who runs Code Club with Mr Ferguson. Perseverance and patience were the overriding themes of the day, as coding is as much about fixing bugs in the lines as it is about creating code in the first place.

### STEM Visit to Year 5

On Thursday Year 5 spent the afternoon baking bread – in particular the chemistry of bread baking – with a visitor from Innovia who is an inventor and demonstrated some of the projects she works on.

### Year 2 Parent Information Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the information meeting on the end of Key stage 1 statutory assessments. If you were unable to come into school for the meeting, you can find the presentation on our school website as well as the Teacher assessment Frameworks at the End of Key stage 1 document. The link below may also be useful. If you have any questions please talk to Mr Goller, Miss Wilson or myself.  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/647105/2017\\_to\\_2018\\_teacher\\_assessment\\_frameworks\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stage\\_1\\_PD\\_FA.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/647105/2017_to_2018_teacher_assessment_frameworks_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1_PD_FA.pdf)

### Library

We are now fully staffed – thank you to our latest parent volunteer! NB Don't forget parents can come in with their child to change books on Mondays 3.10–3.30pm.

### World Book Day Tokens

Don't forget if you have not visited a book shop with your child to spend their WBD token you have until 25 March 2018.

### PTA NEWS:

**PTA Quiz Night** date has changed to the 18th May 2018.

**Film Night** Save the date and book your babysitter for grown up film night! The hugely successful, internationally acclaimed film "Tomorrow" will be showing for one night from the PTA coming shortly. Older children and teenagers encouraged to come! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUN0QxRB7e0>)

**Newnham Croft Festival of Music** Does your child learn an instrument, either in or out of school? Would your family like to come to a concert once a term, held in the school hall, which would celebrate the hard work and efforts of all the children learning an instrument? Please fill out the survey to give your views: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V8N9YTL>. Get in touch with Emily Cleevely ([emily.cleevely@gmail.com](mailto:emily.cleevely@gmail.com)) if you'd like to know more.

### School Meals

The school lunch menu for the week beginning 26 March will be Week 2 with the addition of an Easter roast turkey lunch. 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

Travelling by Tuba .....	27 Mar
Y5 swimming.....	27 Mar
Y6 dance assembly 9am .....	28 Mar
Y3 Scott Polar Museum (am) .....	28 Mar
Y4 Scott Polar Museum (am) .....	29 Mar
End of term .....	29 Mar
Start of summer term .....	16 Apr

### Community News

#### Cox and Hens Tennis Club, Newnham

FREE FUN TENNIS DAY plus EASTER CAMPS at our brand new Tennis 🎾 Club in Grantchester. Cocks & Hens is situated behind Cambridge Rugby Club and is a fantastic family friendly club & all inclusive. We are keen to get as many Key stage 1 & 2 pupils up and playing the fun game as well as their parents. Poster attached for further details.

#### South Newnham Neighbourhood Forum – planting snowdrops in Paradise Nature Reserve Saturday 14 April 10am-12noon.

A family and community event in association with Cambridge City Council with the aim of repopulating snowdrops in the bare areas in Paradise Nature Reserve. Bring a trowel and wear wellies – and if you have any snowdrops in your garden, divide the clumps and bring some along to plant. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Easter Bushcraft Club at Milton Country Park

See poster attached for further details.