



Newnham News

Friday 14 December 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments

- Save Nursery Schools
- Jimmy's Night Shelter wish list
- ARU research project
- Cambridge United girls football camp

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This is the final newsletter this term and on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you a relaxing break and a happy New Year. We hope the children will return rested and ready to make the most of all the learning opportunities next term. Thank you to all our very creative and caring staff who have worked so hard this term; to our school Governors for their support and to the parents and members of the local community who have helped in school, especially our regular volunteers in the classrooms and the library. Please note the first day of term for the children is Monday 7 January 2019. Thank you to everyone who came and squeezed into the hall for our Christmas concert today. Well done to all the children, for their singing - both choirs and class songs - the four recorder groups and the dance club. A huge thank you to Mrs Onatskaia for her inspirational work with the children.

Next week we are looking forward to both the VE Day celebration (Year 5 & 6) and Viking and Anglo-Saxon feast (Year 3 & 4) on Monday and our whole school Christmas lunch on Tuesday.

NB it's time to claim all lost property and lunch boxes before the end of term!

The assembly music next week will be Christmas Carols.

Christmas Jumper Day

<https://christmasjumperday.org/about-christmas-jumper-day/>

Today we raised £181.48 for Save the Children UK. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 and wore some amazing Christmas jumpers and the donations after our Christmas concert.

Christmas Play

This week we had two charming and joyful performances of A Christmas Recipe. The children in Reception and Key Stage One sang and danced with great enthusiasm and said their lines clearly and with confidence. Thank you for your generous donations after the performances; we collected £128.15 for Community Christmas. Thank you also to all the staff in Rec/KS1 for their hard work – organising a cast of over 100 children is no easy task! Thank you to Ms Mangera, Miss Wakelen, Miss Wilson and particularly Mr Goller, for directing the play, Mrs Onatskaia for the wonderful singing and dancing, and Miss Blake, Mr Ellimouni, Miss Jermyn, Mrs Burke, Mrs Fang, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Cullen for supporting the children in learning their parts and making props and costumes, particularly Mrs Mahoney for the wonderful stage set. Thanks also to Mr Jach for all his work with the stage and chairs and to Mrs Bracey for the tickets.

PTA

The PTA have been phenomenally busy this term and raised a huge amount of money for school. A massive thank you to all the parents involved whether working hard organising and running the events or supporting them with money! In particular this term Emily Cleevely, Dani Redhead and Mary Hansford have given so much time and energy to the fundraising – we are very lucky to have such a committed and hardworking PTA.

The Twilight Market last Saturday was a great success and, like Bonfire Night, a lovely community event. We don't have an exact final total as there are still a few items to sell but the market and film raised about £2300 and the Christmas trees over £1000, meaning the total is around £3300! Thank you to everyone involved, particularly Dani Redhead.

Poppy Appeal

We had a thank you card from the appeal. Our school raised £73.97 (56% more than last year). Thank you for your support with this.

Maths

If you have not already noticed, please have a look at our whole school display in the corridor near the music room. It shows some of the areas of focus for measure in each year group so you can see the progression in skills across the school.

Basketball

On Monday 10 December, a team of 7 children from Year 6 went to Coleridge School to take part in a basketball competition. They played 4 of the teams and they drew one, won two and lost one. There were 5 teams and we came second overall. Everyone played very well and enjoyed the games. *By Esme*

Thank you to Mr Pinnock for organising.

Central Library

After a very busy week, I/2N and C went on a school trip to the Central Library in Cambridge on Thursday morning. Both classes walked to the library, walking past the Mill Pond to the centre of Cambridge, where they finally arrived at the library. The librarian spoke to both classes about how to join the library, the purpose of the library and the different types of book that they could borrow at a time. The children were given the opportunity to explore the children's section, where they could read some books or take a few of the books out if they had their library card with them. Before the classes left a very kind librarian read a popular children's book, called "Samurai Christmas." The staff at the library were very helpful and were very impressed with the children's behaviour.

Baking in Reception

As part of this term's topic reception have been making Gingerbread men. Some children were concerned they would run away if they didn't eat them quick enough!

Advance Notice for Year 6 Parents

There will be an information meeting about the end of KS2 statutory assessments on Tuesday 15 January at 3.20 pm in the Year 6 classroom.

Can you help to save Maintained Nursery Schools in Cambridgeshire and across the Country?

Please can you lend your support to the Save our Maintained Nursery Schools campaign whose current funding levels are only guaranteed until March 2020. You can help by signing the petition at reception by January 11th 2019. You could also get your children to do a picture on the poster provided, and display it in your windows, in order to raise awareness of this very important issue for the future of our children. The Maintained Nursery Schools affected in Cambridgeshire are:- Brunswick and Colleges Nursery Federation, The Fields, Homerton Early Years Centre, Histon Early Years Centre and Huntingdon Nursery School, all of which provide Good or Outstanding Education for our youngest children as well as training for teachers and Early Years practitioners across the Early Years Sector.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far – three more days to go! Please see below for the class donation days. We hope a member of staff from Jimmy's will come on Wednesday 19 December to collect the boxes.

Y5 – 4th, 13th and 19th (to go in the 22nd box)

Y6 – 5th, 14th and 19th (to go in the 23rd box)

R – 6th and 17th

R/Y1 – 8th/9th weekend and 15th/16th weekend

Y1/2 N – 7th and 18th

Y1/2 C – 10th and 19th

Y3 – 11th, 15th/16th weekend and 19th (to go in the 20th box)

Y4 – 12th, and 19th (to go in the 21st box)

Active Lives and Mental Wellbeing: Survey

Sport England has published findings from a survey of 130,194 pupils aged 5-16 across England examining their attitudes towards sport and physical activity. Findings relating to mental wellbeing, individual development and community development are included, such as: children and young people who reported as being active everyday were found to have a more positive sense of mental wellbeing compared with those who reported as less active; average levels of mental wellbeing decreased with age, from a rating of 7.9 out of 10 for 7- to 9-year-olds to 6.2 for 13- to 16-year-olds.

Source: Sport England Date: 6 December 2018

Further information: [Active lives children and young people survey: academic year 2017/18 \(PDF\)](#)

Children's Loneliness

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has published its inaugural report on children's loneliness in England and Great Britain. Analysis is drawn from interviews with children and

young people, the Community Life Survey 2016/17 and the Good Childhood Index Survey 2018. Key statistics include: 11.3 per cent of children said they were "often" lonely; 19.5 per cent of children living in a city reported "often" feeling lonely, compared with 5 per cent of those living in rural areas. Recommendations for avoiding loneliness include: joining in sports, clubs and activities; use of social media to maintain connections and develop new ones; purposefully reaching out and talking to people.

Source: [ONS](#) **Date:** 5 December 2018

Further information: [Children's and young people's experiences of loneliness: 2018 \(PDF\)](#)

No More Boys and Girls

Thank you to all the parents who came and joined Year 4, 5 and 6 to watch Part 2, followed by a discussion in the classroom today. If you missed it you can watch it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cp9Z26YglrA> Hopefully both adults and children now have a greater awareness of gender stereotypes and will be able to challenge ideas as well as think of changes we can make both at school and at home.

Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Newnham Croft? There are over 3,000 shops and sites ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Newnham Croft no extra cost whatsoever. Please spread the word to grandparents and others - especially in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your support. Head to easyfundraising and join for free.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/newnhamcroftpta/>

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The list of clubs has been emailed to parents today and is also on the school website.

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the next week will be Week 1. **From January 2019 the price of a school meal is rising to £2.40.** Please remember to pay for school meals in advance. Please also pay any outstanding lunch money before the start of next term. The first week back will be Week 2.

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 website: <http://www.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Christmas lunch 18 Dec
Last day of term 19 Dec
First day of Spring term..... 7 Jan
Y6 statutory assessment meeting for parents 3.20pm.... 15 Jan

Community News

KAPLA wooden construction after school club

We are delighted to offer a one-off KAPLA after school club in Newnham Croft.

Date: Friday 18th January 2019

Time: 3.15pm- 5pm

Cost: £7 per child

These workshops are suitable for children age 4 - 11. They will be working together in different age groups to build the most wonderful



creations: palaces, bridges, animals, futuristic towers and much more... Your children will experiment with physics by building different structures with the planks and learn about geometry by making their own geometric patterns. They will have fun, will use their imagination and work on life skills such as team work, perseverance, logical thinking and concentration. They will step back and be so proud of what they achieved!

Book a space now! Places are limited and bookings are compulsory. Bookings and enquiries: Jennifer Norie kaplaclubs@gmail.com www.kaplaclubs.co.uk

French Holiday Club – see poster attached

For some fun this Christmas how about a Christmas conga? Lonni from Year 5 has a friend of the family who is trying to get a Christmas number one in aid of Alzheimer's research, a charity based in Cambridge. You can see the video here (see if you can find him starring in it!) Lonni's grandfather and great grandfather both died of Alzheimer's related conditions and so did Caroline Goffey's mother, which is why she made the song and is campaigning for the charity. So Join The Christmas Conga. Film, Share, Nominate, Donate £5 text CFAC55 £5 to 70070.

All money goes to @alzheimersresearchuk #congaforacure #alzheimersresearchuk <https://youtu.be/HBGb2heUWS0>
Happy Christmas and many thanks Monika, Ben, Archi, Mani and Lonni

Cambridge United Girls Christmas Football Camp – see poster attached.

Anglia Ruskin Research study 'Recognition of the mother's heartbeat in young babies'. Please see information attached.

PTA News

Christmas sales

We will be selling our last few Christmas trees, wreaths, Christmas cards, Christmas chocolates and Newnham Croft rulers, keyrings and other supplies by the post box tomorrow (Saturday) 9-11am. If you need any last minute things for Christmas or know anyone who still needs a tree, come along tomorrow!



Autumn term round up

This term has been packed with lots of fundraising and exciting activities! We've run two of our year's biggest fundraising events this term - the fireworks night, and the Twilight Market and film night - as well as the PTA stalls at International Evening and the school disco, and been part of the Christmas Card Project (which raised £350!). It's been great to see lots of new faces helping out at the various events and to know that there are so many 'regulars' willing to pitch in time and again to make these events a success - thank you to everyone who has been involved this term. Your support makes a huge difference to the school community.

What we've raised

Through our events and treat stall fundraising, so far this term **we've raised A MASSIVE £5,829.81** and there's still some more money to come from last minute Christmas sales!! Thank you all for your support! This term's fundraising efforts are all going towards a complete refurbishment of the school music room, so that there is a more welcoming and practical space for individual lessons and small group music work in the school.

What we funded

This term, using funds raised in the summer term, we've funded projects that had a value of over £5,500 for the school, including:

- new Design Technology cart for woodwork and other projects (see photo for some crafty things made using this equipment!)
- music subscriptions, enabling access to more singing and music in assemblies and music lessons
- new sets of learning resources - dictionaries, atlases, and Oxford Reading Tree books - for use across the school
- a new play cooker and sink for R/I
- new construction toys – Lego and Stickle bricks – for Reception
- a Mac Mini to enable school to better manage content on the (part-PTA funded!) iPads
- a new water butt for gardening club
- the annual anti-bullying workshop
- additional Forest Schools sessions for the whole school

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - see you in 2019.

The first PTA events in the New Year will be:

- Wednesday 16th January - parent social, Red Bull, 8pm
- Friday 1st February - children's film night, school hall
- Monday 4th February - pancakes on sale for Pancake Day, after school in the playground