



Newnham News

Friday 11 May 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Parent/guardian Survey results
- Chesterton Eagles

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Next week our Year 6 children will be sitting the national curriculum tests in spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG), reading, and maths. Ms Noble and staff will be cooking breakfast for the children each morning before school to give them the best possible start to the day. The children have been working hard revising for the tests and we know they will do their best. Good luck Year 6!

Currently our greetings are in Spanish.

Welcome	Bienvenido
Hello	Hola
Good morning	Buenos días
Good afternoon	Buenas tardes
Good bye	Adiós

Next week the music in assembly will be Copland's Billy the Kid.

Staffing

We are very pleased to inform you that we have appointed Emily Palmer as Key stage 2 teacher from September 2018. Emily is currently working as a trainee teacher in Year 5 and will complete her PGCE this term. She has many skills to contribute to our school, particularly in English, and a great love of learning.

Parent/guardian Survey 2018

Please see the attached letter and analysis of the parent survey results from Governors. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Tapas Day



In our 'Habitats' topic, Year 3 and 4 have been looking at La Vuelta - the Spanish cycle race - and the regions it passes through on its route round Spain. This week we looked at Andalusia in the south of Spain, and particularly the food that is typical to the region. So on Wednesday the children were busy peeling and chopping onions and potatoes, crushing garlic and roasting, adding a little paprika and cayenne pepper to our tomato sauce and then cooking and tasting their efforts in an afternoon picnic. We made plenty, but it all got eaten, so a very successful DT session indeed.

Gardening Assembly

This week Veronica came into assembly to tell the children about the NGS open day that we took part in and the Young Carers charity that we were supporting. She showed the children photos of our lovely grounds and the children were able to answer lots of questions about plants, animals and sustainability in the garden. Please do have a look at the link Power Point presentation on our website, especially if you were not able to come to the open afternoon. We gave our community gardeners a card made by Year 5 and some flowers (!) to thank them for all the hours they spend with us encouraging the children to garden and making our grounds look so fantastic.

https://newnham-croft.eschools.co.uk/website/school_gardens/338508

Year 3 Multiskills



This morning Year 3 enjoyed their multi-sports festival at Parker's Piece. All events were organised and run by Year 9 and Year 10 pupils at Parkside. The children had lots of fun trying various activities.

Posters

With the lovely weather, people have been spending more time outside in the beautiful natural areas that we live near. Sadly, after the bank holiday weekend, there was a huge amount of litter left lying on Grantchester Meadows. Some residents helped to clear some of it and filled 20 bin bags. Rubbish left included plastic, glass and cans which will harm the cows which graze on the meadows, the dogs who walk there and any barefoot people who come across them. There is also the concern about plastic getting into the river and the impact it will have on the wildlife. We have been asked if anyone from our school would like to make posters to encourage people to put their litter in the bin or take it home. Children often have such creative ideas and feel very passionately about the negative impact of litter on our environment. If you decide to make a poster, please hand it in to the school office.

Stibbington

Year 4 enjoyed their night away at the Stibbington Residential Centre. Activities included a pirate treasure trail using lots of geography skills and a crime scene investigation with a science focus. During the evening the children enjoyed a campfire! Thank you to Miss Esteve, Mrs Fang and Mrs Burke for taking such good care of the children.



Year 4 flower arrangements at Stibbington for the Crunchy Carrot Café tables.

Message from the Coop

There are millions of pounds just waiting to be shared out. On the run up to our next payout in June we'll be getting in touch with as many Co-op Members as possible to encourage them to choose their local cause. Our campaign starts in our Food stores on Monday 21 May and will carry on until Saturday 9 June. The more members that choose Newnham Croft Primary via NET, the greater the share of the money you will receive. There's still £2901.59 up for grabs in your community so please do choose Newnham Croft Primary (NET) as your local cause!

PTA EVENTS THIS TERM

- **Friday 18 May, Quiz night**, 7.30 for 8 'til 10pm, school hall. A great night of fun, entertainment and food (and live music...!). Tickets from school office.
- **Sunday 8 July, Summer Fete**, afternoon, school grounds. Our traditional big summer fundraiser with all the usual fun and games.

School Vacancies

Lunchtime Supervisors

We need more lunchtime supervisors!

Some of our casual staff have moved on to new jobs so we would very much like to hear from any parent or au pair who might like to work in school. The hours are 11.45 - 1.15 pm, ideally five days a week but we can be flexible! The pay is £11.85 per session. It's a lovely job and involves facilitating and supervising the children's play outside, encouraging them to eat our delicious school dinners and a little bit of sweeping up and wiping tables! Please contact the office if you are interested office@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk.

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the week beginning 14 May 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.

Yours faithfully, Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

NCT test week	14 May
Y3 swimming.....	14 May
Y4 swimming.....	15 May
Y4 Multi-skills festival	18 May
Y1/2C Forest Schools (am).....	18 May
Y5 Forest Schools (pm)	18 May
PTA Quiz Night	18 May

Community News

Chesterton Eagles Under 7s now recruiting – see attached leaflet.