



Newnham News

Friday 11 November 2022

Interim Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents and carers,

A big thank you to the PTA for buying the school a second set of 16 iPads. They are such a fantastic resource and support the children's learning in a wide variety of ways, for example: making and editing movies; researching on the internet; animation; photography; and filming performances in PE to enable reviewing of routines, to name just a few. The donation is just another example of the wonderful work the PTA does to support Newnham Croft (qv last Saturday's fireworks).

On a musical note, we have several budding musicians in the school and it would be nice to celebrate that in an assembly before the end of term. I will mention this to the children next week but if you feel your child might like to take part, please could you let the teacher, office or myself know and we will see if we can organise a music assembly.

Finally, and continuing with a musical theme, on Tuesday 20 December from 3.20pm, there will be festive singing by the children in the playground. Parents are invited and the PTA will be offering various beverages to take the edge of the chill (if it ever gets chilly again). It has been so lovely to see the school community coming back together after Covid so we are all very much looking forward to this event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Eddie Ferguson

Flu vaccinations

A reminder that the NHS flu vaccination team will be in on Monday 14 November. Please remember to complete the online form to consent or decline. The NHS letter with the link is attached. The team will return on Wednesday 16 November to vaccinate any children who miss it on Monday.

School photography – extended discount

Pret-a-Portrait's discount for the recent photos has been extended to **Thursday 24 November**. Visit their website <https://www.pret-a-portrait.net/> and enter your sitting ID; the discount will automatically be applied. If you've misplaced your sitting ID, please contact **Pret-a-Portrait** directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net.

Co-op members

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Co-op members raise a substantial amount of money for the school. If you have a member's card that is registered to a different Co-op but you

would like to choose Newnham Croft as your local cause, you may choose to re-register the card, using the Newnham Co-op address 3 Grantchester St, Newnham Rd, Cambridge CB3 9HY.

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Don't forget that Monday is Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week.



Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 8 May 2023

Please note that the school will be closed on this day.

Winter Music Festival

Sign up is now open for the 2022 Winter Music Festival. Whether your child has just started learning an instrument or is a seasoned performer, we'd encourage children of all abilities from across the school to perform in this friendly and supportive concert. It will take place in the school hall straight after school from 3.30pm - 4.30pm on Friday 9 December. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YInMJnfrzNZ1v6a_35zMY9PpddMfvX26vmmf9WUlcY4/edit?usp=sharing

Classroom News:

Reception

We've had a super busy week! We started the week by discussing the fireworks event that many of our children attended on Bonfire Night. We also discussed how fireworks are used in other events such as Diwali, which took place just a few weeks ago and also during the Luna New Year/Spring Festival. Later on in the week, our class book was revealed as Happy Birthday, Maisy by Lucy Cousins. So much exciting learning has been planned around this, including organising our own party, which will involve writing shopping lists, cards and recipes. In Maths we have been learning about the vocabulary used when describing the length of objects.

Years 1 and 2

This week, Years 1 and 2 have been comparing old toys from over 100 years ago, such as the first teddy bear, a Meccano toy and Crayola to the modern versions of these. The children thought about what was similar and different about these toys and how the very old versions had evolved over time. In English, we continued to look at the story Lost in The Toy Museum and Years 1 and 2 thought about how they could

instruct the character, Bunting around the museum using imperative verbs and time connectives. In Maths, Year 1 have been looking at the properties of 3-D shapes and in Year 2, the children have been working on non-standard and standard forms of measurement, such as cm and (grams) g to measure length and weigh objects. In PE we've continued working on our gymnastic routine, building on the teddy bear roll and the tuck into a standing position. In Science, we've been using Venn diagrams to classify objects that are made from plants and not made from plants.

Year 3

Year 3 started the week in Maths by doubling and halving 2-digit numbers. Later on in the week, they learnt how to represent different lengths using metres and centimetres and ordered them according to their size. English lessons focused on the children taking effective notes in preparation for writing their own non-chronological reports on Romans. In our History session, the children learnt how to recognise different Roman settlements by looking at their name endings. In RE, the children enjoyed listening to My Name is Bob by James Bowen and Gary Jenkins and reflecting on what messages it taught them.

Year 4

In Science this week, Year 4 have had fun creating their own presentations about how we hear sound, complete with practical demonstrations. In English, we have begun independent research to prepare for writing non-chronological reports on the Romans and have discovered many interesting facts. In Maths, we have been learning how to accurately plot data onto line graphs as well as interpreting line graphs and what they show. We have also enjoyed our first forest school session of Year 4.

Year 5

Year 5 started their week off with a visit to Bletchley Park. We crammed so much into our 4-hour visit including a workshop about D-Day. This taught us about the deception of the British Army to trick the Nazi's into retreating from the coast of France, leaving Dunkirk free from protection. We also got to see, and have a go on, the Enigma machine - one of only a few hundred left in the world! We explored the sight including huts that the workers used and the mansion (below).

We also got to see a model of the Bombe Machine, used to decrypt Enigma's messages. Also, in class, we have started our new English unit on Reports by exploring migration of different animals. In Science, we set up an investigation to see which materials were best suited for taking part in sport.



As predicted, the modern sports material dried much quicker, and weighed much less, than traditional cotton t-shirts which we all agreed would be better for exercise. Don't forget that Year 5 have Bikeability in school next week from Monday to Thursday. Please make sure your child comes to school with their bike (in good working order) and their helmet.

Year 6

This week we did a lot based on our restaurant. For Art we started making propaganda posters based on WW2. For Maths we worked on different methods for multiplying, eg column, lattice, grid and line method. In RE Mrs Marroncelli came in to observe us doing our new topic, which is Christians' beliefs about Christmas. In English we made a report about our trip to Bletchley Park and started our new book The Highwayman. In History we made letters about going to the countryside in WW2, writing from an angry perspective. *By Rose and Sóley*

School Meals

The menu will be week 1 of the menu cycle (attached). 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

Diary Dates

Rec-Y6 flu vaccinations	14 Nov
Y5 Bikeability training.....	14-18 Nov
Rec-Y6 flu vaccinations for any missed on 14 Nov	16 Nov
Forest School Y2 am, Y1 pm.....	18 Nov
Y6 swimming.....	23 Nov
Forest School Y1/2 am, Y6 pm	25 Nov
Y6 swimming.....	30 Nov
Forest School Y3 am	2 Dec
Y6 swimming.....	7 Dec
Music Festival 3.30pm.....	9 Dec
Rec & KSI production 2pm.....	12 Dec
Rec & KSI production 3.15pm	13 Dec
Rec NHS Vision Screening 9 am.....	19 Dec
School Christmas lunch	20 Dec
Festive singing 3.20pm.....	20 Dec
Last day of term.....	21 Dec

PTA NEWS

Firework Night

Thank you so much to all the parents, teachers and children who volunteered to help at the school firework night last Saturday. This was a great community event and all thanks should go also to Mr Jach who put on the best display ever this year. We raised over £1,000 from the night and everyone really enjoyed it. Thanks so much to everyone who came and had fun!

It's almost Christmas time!



Local Trees from Local Children

Get your top-quality, freshly-cut Christmas tree from Newnham Croft Primary School
All profits benefit the children

Order by 25th November 2022

Well not quite ... it might seem like Christmas is a long way away, but it isn't too early to be thinking about what tree you might like. The PTA are really pleased to be selling wonderfully-fresh, locally grown Christmas trees again this year. Order forms are coming home in book bags today, but if yours doesn't make it home, don't worry - full details and the ordering form are also available here www.bit.ly/NewnhamTree

Trees will be available for collection from school on Fri 2nd Dec and Sat 3rd Dec. We are also offering **contact-free delivery** again this year if you live within 1 mile of the school. **Orders need to be received by 25th Nov (midnight cut-off)**, but early orders are really appreciated. If you have any questions about trees please email Dani on dani@meeprophone.com.