



Newnham News

Friday 6 July 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Newnham Croft grounds & boundaries

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Tuesday was a very busy day in school as we had an Ofsted inspection all day and open afternoon for parents and carers to come in and enjoy the children's learning. Thank you to all the staff – the school looked amazing and the displays were all so varied – do have a look if you were not able to come into school. The Ofsted inspector, Steve Mellors, asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone in the school community for making him feel very welcome and being so helpful. He will be sending me a letter with his views which we hope to be able to forward to parents/carers before the end of term.

Today all the children, except Y6, will be bringing their annual progress report home.

Until the end of term our greetings will be in Russian.

Welcome	Dobro pozhalovat'	Добро пожаловать
Hello	Preevet	Привет
Good morning	Dob-ro-ye ootro	Доброе утро
Good afternoon	Dob-ri dyen'	Добрый день
Goodbye	Das-ve-danya	До свидания

Next week the music in assembly will be Vivaldi's Summer from the Four Seasons.

Sun Safety

This week has been very hot and sunny and the children have made good use of our new canopy and the Island play area (thanks to the PTA). We have been encouraging the children to play in the shade, drink more water than usual and wear hats. Please could you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school every day plus a sun hat; sun cream should be applied before school. Thank you for your support with this.

Classes for September

Parents/Carers in Reception and Year 1 will receive an email on Tuesday detailing which class their child will be in from September 2018. Next week all children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher.

Music Concert

Next Friday at 9.15am there will be a music assembly for classes 1/2N, 1/2C, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

Charity Afternoon Friday 13 July

Next Friday afternoon we will be raising money for the charity Street Child United. <https://www.streetchildunited.org>

The school council is organising some fun activities for all the children to do during the afternoon. Children should bring in no more than £2 (preferably in 10 p pieces) in a named purse. Activities include apple bobbing, find the treasure, wet sponge throw, a raffle, sand flags, name the teddy bear and guess the staff member from their baby photo.

Mural Painting

On Monday 2nd July, two artists called Jane Bower and her husband Alan Revil came to visit Newnham Croft and spent the day in Miss Wilson's class creating an art mural, which every child within the school has made a wonderful contribution towards, with the guidance of the two artists. Before the visit, Miss Wilson spoke to the artists about creating a design that would encompass the school's ethos and the beautiful outdoor area, including the wildlife surrounding the school. This idea was combined with the Cambridgeshire Fens and Alan Revil drew a sketch of all these ideas, which was further explained to the children and shown to them during assembly that day, enabling the whole school to meet artists before the art mural was created. Every child from each class was then invited to come and see the artists and make a contribution to the mural. The artists spoke to each of the children about how to mix the acrylic paint and taught the children some important techniques such as printing and how to paint using a paint brush to add detail to the animals or leaves. The art mural is displayed on the wall outside the school next to the "Newnham Croft" sign. Unfortunately most of the Year 6 children were on a Transition Day and so did not get to meet the artists, but were able to make their contribution to the mural on



Wednesday afternoon with Miss Wilson. Please feel free to come and look at the mural and allow your child to show you which part of the mural they have painted. Everyone worked very hard to create a piece of art work that belongs to them and for the Year 6 children due to leave the school, it is a piece of art work and one of many memories that they can come back and visit to remind them of their time at Newnham Croft. *Thank you to Miss Wilson for organising this – the mural looks wonderful!*

Rec/1 Visit Duxford Imperial War Museum

On Thursday, R/1 spent a great morning at Duxford Imperial War Museum. The visit was linked to our class topic on the first flight by the Wright Brothers. We saw so many amazing planes and even had the chance to climb aboard Concord, the fastest passenger plane ever to exist. On the way back we sang our current favourite song 'The Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines'. When we got back we found out about the life of Amelia Earhart, a magnificent woman!

Tennis

On Tuesday 3rd July, Year 1 from I/2C, N and R/1 all went to the Tennis Festival at Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club. There were various other local primary schools at the Tennis Festival. At the Festival, Year 1 had the opportunity to spend the morning with various tennis coaches and students from Parkside School, learning different techniques such as how to correctly hold a tennis racket to do volleys and passes. The children also worked on their hand coordination skills to improve on throwing, bouncing and catching a ball. The coaches and all staff were very impressed with all the children's behaviour. We stayed for lunch and then walked back to school together ready for the afternoon. Miss Wilson was very impressed with all the children's behaviour and their positive attitude when walking back to school and so were the other TAs in I/2C, N and R/1.

Y6 visit to the Coop

On Monday ten children from Year 6 went to the Co-op to see how businesses work. When they got there, they met Simon who showed them around. They were shown how, on the price tag, you could find out how much an item is if it is in a bag. Then they went to the back of the store and saw where everything was stored, delivered and watched on camera. In the end, Year 6 had fun and learnt something about finances. *Sydney*

Breakfast Café

On Wednesday and Thursday morning, Year 6 set up a breakfast café where they sold croissants, pain au chocolat and pain au raisin. They raised over £100 which will go towards costumes and props for their end of year play. *Ellen*

Sports Day Reminder Tuesday 17 July

R/KS1 sports day will be in the morning starting at 9.30 am and KS2 will begin at 1 pm. PE kits must be kept in school at all times until then!

Y5 Maths Competition

On Thursday Cecilia, Isabel, Alex and Max went to Duxford War Museum to go to a maths competition. There were three rounds – a relay round, an estimating round and a mixed up round. It got to 33°C and we couldn't drink water or eat in case we damaged the planes! We didn't come first, second or third, but we did well and it was great fun. We would like to thank Mr Pinnock for taking us, and to Duxford Air Museum and the organisers. Thank you! *Cecilia*

Year 3 have been writing newspaper reports about the problems with plastic in the ocean. This is Eden's: **SAVE OUR MARINE LIFE!**

Plastic is like poison to the animals in our oceans. Currently there is a huge amount of it in the water and by the year 2050 there will be more plastic than marine life in the ocean because plastic is not biodegradable.

Scientists have researched and found out that every year 8,000,000 tonnes of plastic ends up in our ocean. This is about the same weight of a whale in plastic coming into the sea every single second.

Animals could eat plastic or eat the little bits that get broken down by the sun, and then they die from eating so much plastic. They could also get trapped in some pieces of plastic.



Fish swim around a plastic bag



Turtle trapped in fishing net

Scientists predict that there will be more plastic in the ocean than marine life. We need to stop this. Use reusable items if you can and

don't use single-use items like plastic straws and cling film.

"It's within our power, because most of the problems are created by us, and we can solve them, or we should be able to solve them," said David Attenborough.

Letter from the Co-op

Co-op members have chosen to support **Newnham Educational Trust** with their 1% as part of the Local Community Fund. NET will receive the second payment of **£274.84** by 31 July. Since the round started in last November, Co-op members have raised a total of **£531.10** for your NET. There's still 4 months of the funding period left to go with **£3,907.94** up for grabs in your community.

We would like to encourage more Co-op members to choose you as their cause.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/12103>

Thanks to the Co-op and to everyone who has chosen us as their cause!

Neighbourhood Plan

The South Newnham Neighbourhood Forum are working to draft a neighbourhood plan for the South Newnham area. Olwen Williams, who is a retired A&E consultant, has a PhD in zoology and is one of our local wildlife expert, came in to look at the school grounds, as part of the survey of Newnham's open spaces and wildlife survey. Please find attached to the newsletter her report which is really interesting.

Bah'ai Assembly

On Thursday three members of the Bah'ai faith community came into tell us about their beliefs. They spoke to the children about unity and how wonderful it is that everyone is different and special.

Foster Carers

Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer? If so, now is a great time to start your fostering journey as Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service is currently recruiting carers to a wide range of rewarding roles. To find out more about how you can make a difference to the lives of local children and young people, call today on 0800 052 0078 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering.



School Meals

The school lunch menu for the week beginning 2 July will be Week 2. 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

Rec & KS1 class allocation letters to parents	10 July
Y4 swimming (final session)	10 July
Y3 swimming (final session)	11 July
Y6 production to parents 6pm.....	12 July
Y2 swimming	13 July
Sports Day Rec & KS1 9.30am, KS2 1pm.....	17 July
Sports Day reserve	18 July
Y6 leavers' assembly 9am.....	19 July
Y6 leavers' BBQ	19 July
Last day of term.....	20 July

Summer Fair THIS SUNDAY 8 July midday – 4pm



The summer fair is finally here! Come along with your family or child's entry for the Bake Off competition when the fete starts at midday.

The weather looks like it will be FANTASTIC for Sunday, so now we really do have it all, including:

- BBQ. Lunch on Sunday is sorted!
- drinks from the bar
- ice cream with toppings galore
- lego and key chain making (in the shade!)
- music from Jazz Wave
- circus and tennis workshops (for FREE!)
- delicious and great-looking cakes from our Bake Off competition (don't forget to bring your entry to the stall for midday)
- paper aeroplane competition
- photo booth with funny props
- scavenger hunt
- see if you can find the pirate treasure hidden on the map
- quality pre-loved clothes and toys for sale
- delicious home-made treats
- plus lots more games and stalls!

We have some AMAZING raffle prizes too, including two Raspberry Pi computers signed by the creator of Raspberry Pi, Eben Upton, vouchers for meals at Parker's Tavern, The Pint Shop, and Stazione, tickets for Milton Maize Maze, free days at summer camp with Premier Sports, gifts from Byard Art and Cambridge Art, vouchers and gifts from our local shops, 6 months of vitamins from FutureYou, and a picnic and entry to one of the Botanic Gardens concerts in July.

Thank you to all the many people who are volunteering at the event, helping children get their Bake Off entries ready in advance, donating things, filling hampers and making delicious home-made treats - without you, the fete wouldn't be possible, and it's going to be great!

Community News

Charity Event at Crofters Ice Cream Kiosk

On Tuesday 10th May, a buggyfit class, teddy bears picnic & cake sale will take place next to Crofters ice cream kiosk on Newnham Park. The event begins at 10:30am with a buggyfit class open to all in the park. After the buggyfit, a teddy bears picnic, cake sale & raffle will take place. Parents & children are invited along & younger children can join in the fun with Mr Baboons Bouncing Tunes! This charity event is taking place to raise money for Petals charity. Petals provide counselling for trauma or loss during pregnancy and birth. For more information please contact Luke on 07940965563 or just turn up to the park on Tuesday.