Newnham News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that, following the success of last year's arrangements, we will once again be opening up school lunches to parents and carers after the Christmas holidays.

This will give families across all year groups another opportunity to come into school and enjoy a school lunch alongside their child.

We are, however, going to limit the number of places available to 15 parents per class. As you will appreciate, our kitchen team already works incredibly hard to prepare meals for around 180 children each day, and the kitchen is not really built to cater for such large numbers! Even an additional 15 adult meals represents quite a significant amount of extra work for the team.

Places will therefore be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are unable to secure a place this time, there will be another opportunity in the future years. We will also look to give priority in subsequent years to families who have not previously had the chance to join us.

Finally, I would ask that everyone who takes up this opportunity is mindful of the additional work involved and shows their appreciation to our kitchen staff. They work incredibly hard, and this is a lovely extra that they generously provide for our school community.

More details will follow regarding dates and times.

Have lovely weekends.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Reception forest school		Wed 25 Nov
Y6 swimming		Wed 25 Nov
Year 3 forest school	*morning*	Fri 27 Nov
Year 5 forest school	*afternoon*	Fri 27 Nov

Please check the school calendar on our website, which is updated regularly.

Whole school news

Reception and KS1 festive performance

The festive performance for Reception and KS1 will be on Tuesday 15 December at 2pm and Wednesday 16 December at 9.30am. Each family will be given 2 free tickets, and you can now collect from the office , selecting your preferred performance.

School Meals

The menu is attached and online. The menu after half term is Week 3. The cost of a school meal is £2.90.

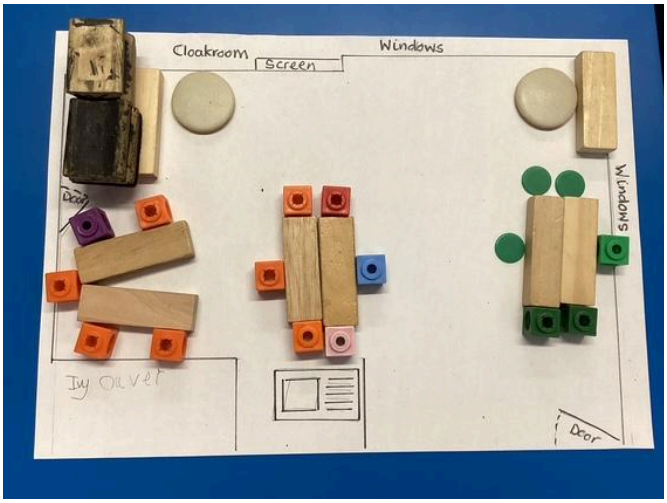
Classroom news

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been practising counting in 2s and exploring odd and even numbers. In English, we have been enjoying *Delicious*, the follow-on story to *Pumpkin Soup*. We have been thinking about how the characters feel about trying new things and writing thought bubbles to express their thoughts and feelings.

Year 1

We have started an exciting new geography unit,



exploring our local environment and the places around

us. The children have been developing their mapping skills by creating simple maps of our classroom and playground. They have been thinking carefully about what they can see, where things are located and how to represent different features using pictures and symbols. We have also been using positional language to describe where things are. The children have enjoyed looking at familiar places in a new way and are beginning to understand how maps help us find our way around.

Year 2

In English, we've been gathering information and organising our ideas under subheadings for our non-fiction writing. In maths, we've been consolidating our addition and subtraction skills, alongside our daily challenge to beat our best scores on Hit the Button for the 5 times table. We're making great progress, however some practice at home would be fantastic! In history, we interviewed Mrs Burke about her school days, while in art we explored tonal shading. In science, we matched animals to their habitats and discussed why they are suited to them. We finished our week with a fantastic Forest School session!

Year 3

We started the week with a fantastic trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village, where the children had lots of fun exploring and learning about Anglo-Saxon life. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting 2- and 3-digit numbers, finding missing numbers and learning the expanded column method. In English, we explored adventurous adjectives, verbs and adverbs, as well as learning about prefixes and suffixes. In computing, the children created moving pictures using flip books, while in science we began exploring friction and why it is useful.

Year 4

We enjoyed a fantastic visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village on Monday, exploring how people lived and worked over 1,500 years ago. They investigated Anglo-Saxon buildings, watched a carpenter at work and discovered how archaeologists use artefacts to understand the past. The children impressed us with their knowledge and enthusiasm. Back in school, they strengthened their model structures in DT, learned to interpret and create line graphs in Maths, and explored time conversions. In English, they analysed *A Small Dragon* by Brian Patten and began creating their own imaginative creatures. In Science, they learned how to look after their teeth.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a productive week, continuing their research for biographical writing and exploring Innsbruck as part of our topic on the Alps. In science, they investigated thermal insulators, testing which materials kept hot water warmest. In English, they developed their biographies using relative clauses and paragraphing, while in maths they completed division before moving on to converting units of measurement. Next Friday is Forest School, so please ensure your child comes prepared with everything they need. Well done, Year 5!

Year 6

This week in English we have been making a story inspired by *Clockwork* by Phillip Pullman. In maths we have done fractions and negative numbers. In geography, we have learnt about the Alps. This Friday we are hosting a restaurant for Y6 families.

By Molly and Maja

Community news

