



Newnham News

Friday 17 September 2021

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Covid-19 Guidance for Parents
- Family Fitness Day
- Lunch menu
- Cambridge Music Centre

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children have been simply lovely since returning and are now settling into class routines. Today we've been informed of our first pupil case of Covid-19, and we are also starting to have a few others contacted and advised to get tested. If you are considered a close contact of any positive case, then you will receive a separate notification advising you to book a PCR test for your child. I'd therefore like to go back over the advice for everyone regarding testing if you know someone with Covid-19. If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace you will be advised to get a PCR test for your child or yourself. This is not a Lateral Flow Test, as these are far less reliable than a PCR test. Your child can attend school whilst waiting for the test and for the results of a test unless they are displaying one of the main three symptoms of Covid-19, where they should then remain in isolation. Also, please let us know if there is a case in your family so that we can prepare for any contact tracing questions that might come our way. Attached to the newsletter is a helpful flowchart of what the rules are currently about testing and isolating.

If you have booked a school club for this term you should all now be able to pay those fees via SIMs Pay360. If you are using the before school reading club, we will be invoicing you on a monthly basis this term, as usage of the club is still growing. If you would also like to use this facility then please email me to let me know.

Can I also remind any of you who require medication to be in school, that we need medication which is in-date and in its packaging showing to whom it is prescribed.

Family Fitness Day, 24 September (poster attached)

We are looking forward to our Family Fitness Day next week. This will be running from 1.30pm to 4pm on the 24th September. If you are able to be here for the afternoon, you can take your child home once you've finished the activities of the day. If you're unable to attend, pick up will still be at 3.10/3.15pm but from the playground gate instead. Please complete the Google form below to let us know whether a family member is going to be able to attend. This will be really helpful for us in planning the event. More information about this event will be sent out next week.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrkRYAbEbV72BYzVjgIDB6ifH9Po1kl5FpIcQcK3UFV1WbA/viewform?usp=pp_url

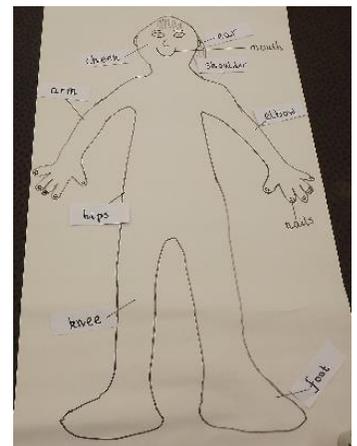
Classroom Round-up:

Reception

A huge welcome to our new Reception intake. The first week has gone pretty smoothly, with any tears being short lived. The children are becoming familiar with the class routines, and it has been lovely to see new friendships being established. Please do check that you have received the class information letter that was emailed to you earlier in the week, detailing what the children need when they come into school each day. One of the changes to routines mentioned earlier, is that parents should now collect their children from the classroom door (outdoor play area side), at 3.10 pm rather than at the gate.

Year R/1

In Year 1 we have been recapping Phase 3 and 4 in Phonics and working on presenting our writing neatly. In PE we practised our skipping and great fun was had trying to skip in the long rope. We have been thinking more about our 'Healthy Me' topic and writing sentences about how to keep healthy. In Science we have been labelling the different body parts. In Maths we have been ordering numbers and working on accurate counting and practising to write our numbers, with a big focus on getting them the right way round!



Year 1/2N

We have enjoyed another busy week in Year1/2N. In Maths, Year 1s have been working on number formation and counting forwards and backwards to 20. Year 2s have been writing numerals in words to and across 100 and ordering numbers from the smallest to the largest using their knowledge of tens and ones to help them. We listened to a funny story (*Dr Dog* by Babette Cole) and practised writing our own sentences using full stops and capital letters about how we keep ourselves healthy. As part of our 'Healthy Me' topic, in PE, we continued to work on our fitness. We also learnt to label different parts of the human body, how to recognise and talk about our emotions and name some of our own and others' feelings.

Year 1/2C

Year 1/2C have been working on the following areas this week: in Maths, the Year 1s have been working on number formation and counting forwards and backwards to 20. The Year 2s have been working on writing numerals in words to and across 100 and ordering numbers from the smallest to the largest using their knowledge of tens and ones to help them. In English, we have been writing sentences that start and end correctly about what keeps us healthy. As part of our 'Healthy Me' topic, the children have learnt to label different parts of the human body and learnt about emotions and how they feel sometimes. In PE, the children have continued to work on and measure their fitness levels. The children really enjoyed listening to 'Dr Dog' during story time and hearing about the Gumboyle family who weren't as healthy as they should be.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy week and have worked really hard. In English, we have continued reading the book *I was a Rat!* As a class, Year 3 discussed why Old Bob and Joan thought Roger was an orphan and wrote the beginning of the story using open noun phrases. In Maths, Year 3 have been working on their number bonds to 100, 10 and 20 using addition and subtraction by partitioning tens and ones or using a number line. As part of the whole school 'Healthy Me' topic, in Science the class have been exploring the digestive system and the roles of each organ involved. In Art, the class have been sketching their faces in the style of Picasso's artwork. Well done Year 3 for a fantastic week.

Year 4

We have continued our English work on Aesop's fables, reading different versions of the text and beginning to use dialogue in our own pieces of writing. We are focussing on how authors punctuate dialogue in their stories. In Maths, we have been completing our first assessments of the year in addition to continuing our multiplication and place value work. Continuing on from our lesson on teeth, we have looked at the human digestive system and its function in our Science lesson.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have been working very hard on our cycling and road safety in Bikeability. We have also been practicing our perseverance and durability by continuing with this training during the torrential rain on Tuesday. In Science, we have been practicing our note taking to record information on the Circulatory System, and then using that information to create a board game based on what we found out. In Maths, we have applied our mental strategies of addition and subtraction to word problems and have been planning healthy snacks which we will be preparing in school next week to sell at the Family Fitness Day.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been completing a set of past SATs papers to use as an assessment baseline so the children can see their progress this year in English and Maths. We were impressed with the children's focus and attitude in the tests. Year 6 have also found time to carry on studying 'The Highwayman' and writing in role as the character, Tim the Ostler in English. In Maths, the class have been working on adding decimals. In PE, Year 6 put a lot of effort into their cross country and encouraged and supported each other in their first swimming lesson. In PSHE, the class looked at what is involved in a healthy diet and why it is important.

School Meals

The school lunch menu is attached. Next week will be week 2 of the 3 weekly cycle. The cost of a school meal is £2.40.

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.newnhamcrofptta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully,

Andy Matthews, Headteacher

Community News

Cambridge Music Centre

Please see the poster attached for further information about opportunities for instrumental players.

Piano teacher

Angie Collins is a self-employed Piano Teacher of 15 years experience and has very recently moved into the local area. Please contact Angie at Peartree996@btinternet.com for further information.