



Newnham News

Friday 9 September 2022

Interim Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Attachments

- Lunch menu

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, there we are - week one finished; and what a fantastic week!

We've all been excited to start another year - to see friends, colleagues, newcomers, old timers - to be in new classrooms with a new start-time (and a new finish-time for some of us). Even the weather has complied with the 'new start' theme, September 1st heralding Autumn showers as precisely as the more meticulous (and green fingered) of us might appreciate. Walking around the school, the atmosphere has been calm and focused, with our wonderful pupils absorbing their new classrooms, revelling in their new topics and sharing their ever-extensive knowledge with their classmates and adults.

Thank you all for being so considerate and leaving so promptly when the bell rings in the morning - it really helps us get the children lining up quietly and ready for the day.

Have a lovely weekend, Eddie Ferguson

Library Volunteers

We are looking for a small team of volunteers to help in the library first thing in the mornings (8.45-9.30), with tidying up shelves, replacing library books and helping children choose books. If you would like to volunteer once a week on a regular basis, please call in to the office to discuss, or email Mrs Bracey office@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk. The school is required to carry out a DBS application and seek references prior to starting.

Classroom News:

Reception

It has been great to meet all of our new families this week and spend our first session together as a class. For the next two weeks, the children will be attending either morning (8.45 - 11.45) or afternoon sessions (1.30-3.15).

Years 1 and 2

It's been lovely to have all Key Stage One children back in and lovely to hear about their summer holidays. As a Key Stage, we've really enjoyed getting to know our new classes and have them settle into their new classrooms. We've introduced the children to their new topic 'Traditional Tales.' In English, we've started looking at The Three Little Pigs. We read the story and then we made story maps, using pictures and simple sentences to sequence the tale.

In Phonics, Year 1 have been recapping Phase 3 and Year 2 have been recapping Phase 5 and all children have been learning the new terminology for our new Phonics scheme. In DT, we have started researching different moving story books, based on our Traditional Tales topic, in preparation for making a scene from The Three Little Pigs using levers and sliders. If your child has any of these types books at home, please feel free send them in for us to explore. Well done Key Stage One for an excellent first week.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a really busy first week back. The class started off by learning about Stonehenge and used charcoals and pencil to sketch different aspects of it. In English lessons the children enjoyed learning and performing 'The Bug Chant' by Tony Mitton and writing their own stanzas containing rhyming words. In Maths, the children worked on placing 2 and 3-digit numbers on a number line and used the < and > signs to compare and order numbers. In spelling, the children learnt about some of the rules that apply to adding the prefixes -s, -es, -ing, -ed and -er to verbs. The children used google slides to create a profile of themselves and in history created a chronological time line of their own lives.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant first week back, opening our 'Invaders' topic with Stonehenge- inspired artwork. In Maths, we have been placing three and four digit numbers on number lines and practising place value, while in history we have been creating timelines of our lives. In English, we have been writing poems about animals, inspired by The Bug Chant by Tony Mitton. The class has been brilliant at working together in pairs and groups and we have had some very engaging class discussions.

Year 5

Year 5 have made an excellent start to the term, creating a class code which demonstrated maturity; the children have set themselves clear expectations about learning and behaviour and have made a really positive start to the year. We started our class story, A Medal for Leroy by Michael Morpurgo, and spent time predicting the plot and exploring the main characters. In Maths, we consolidated and built on our understanding of place value - using it to mentally add and subtract, order and compare 5-digit numbers.

Year 6

This week Y6 have been learning about WWI; we have learnt about Franz Ferdinand and the causes of the war. We wrote

a piece about the beginning of WWI in history and rewrote a scene from War Horse in English. This morning, we have focused on internet addresses in computing. We also played tag-rugby and compared it to the trenches and talked about warfare. *By Erik and Charlie*

School Meals

Next week will be week 2 of the menu cycle (attached). 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 NEWS

A warm welcome back to school from the PTA - we hope your children are settling in well.

At this time of year, we are on the hunt for Class Representatives for each class. The role is much reduced now and really just involves helping/delegating help at one Treat Stall a year, end of year cards/money collection and forwarding on messages to your group Whatsapp from the PTA. There is no obligation to do more than that and if you are new to Class Repping, we can guide you through. If you would like to volunteer for this or have any questions, just email us on newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com. Thank you in advance - having Class Reps in place makes it so much easier to pass around information.

The PTA is looking forward to a year of fun events and activities to bring our school community together - the first date for your diary is **Coffee and Chat at 8.45 on Friday 16th September**. Have a hot drink and catch up with other parents and carers - we hope to see you there!

Diary Dates

PTA coffee morning 16 Sep
Y6 to Hilltop 21-23 Sep

Community News

Cambridge Girls Chess Initiative

After two years of absence due to the pandemic, the Cambridge Girls Chess Initiative (CGCI) can once again offer chess training for girls of 5 to 13 years old. There will be three sessions per school term, on Sunday afternoons, taking place at King's College School on West Road, Cambridge. Our advanced level coaches are highly qualified as both competitive players and teachers. Joining and the training sessions are free of charge; however to keep fundraising demands manageable, we ask participants to make a voluntary £5 contribution for each lesson if they feel they can.

Training session dates for 2022-23

Autumn: 25 Sep, 16 Oct, 20 Nov

Winter: 22 Jan, 19 Feb, 19 Mar

Spring: 23 Apr, 21 May, 25 Jun

To express interest or register, please fill in this form, no later than Sep 22: <https://forms.gle/rh36nSTFDXepVhHEA>.