



Newnham News

Friday 8 June 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- GDPR
- Cocks & Hens Tennis Club

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Welcome back for a busy second half of the summer term! Today is World Ocean Day and in assembly we learnt many shocking facts, including that every second the amount of plastic used to create this whale is dumped in the ocean.



Mrs Turner is asking everyone in our school community to make a plastic pledge, such as:

- Avoid packaging on foods
- Stop using single-use straws
- Use containers for food. Stop using cling film.
- Don't use wet wipes
- Use re-useable containers for drinks
- Agree to pick up 3 pieces of litter every time you visit a beach.

Our school kitchen was using about 3 kilometres of cling film per year covering food so now they have invested in numerous covered containers to store food in the fridge.

Currently our greetings are in Spanish.

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| Welcome | Bienvenido |
| Hello | Hola |
| Good morning | Buenos dias |
| Good afternoon | Buenas tardes |
| Goodbye | Adiós |

Next week the music in assembly will be Prokofiev's Symphony No 1.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – Data Protection

I am sure everyone has been receiving many emails about GDPR, which also affects all schools. The attached document outlines some key points relevant to school and we will continue to work on updating the Data Protection information on our website.

Year 5 Residential Visit

There were plenty of challenges at Caythorpe Court for all the children in Year 5! The purposes of the visit were: to rise to a challenge; learn new skills; develop independence; develop collaborative skills. They certainly achieved all of these and just as importantly enjoyed all their learning; canoeing, raft building and trapeze being some of the favourites. Many thanks to Mr Pinnock for organising and leading the visit and to Mrs Palmer, Miss Wakelen and Mrs Burke for all their excellent support of the children.



KS2 Snacks

Please send in fruit, vegetables or something healthy – no crisps or sweets. Reception and KS1 are provided with a healthy snack for break.

After school clubs will re-start next week.

Newnham Croft Music Festival

On Wednesday after school, children who have been learning an instrument, as well as the KS1 choir and KS1 and KS2 recorder groups, performed in the first ever Newnham Croft Music Festival. The children all did a fantastic job, and we heard pieces on the cello, violin, recorder, piano both as solo and duet performances. It was a wonderful celebration of all the hard work that goes in to learning an instrument - thank you to all who took part!

In dates for your diary:

Music Festival Friday 15th June, starting 3.30pm

Summer Fete Sunday 8th July

Design and Technology/Food Tech:

Year 3 Paella Day

Year 3 and 4 celebrated the start of this half term with a morning of preparing paella, and an afternoon of eating it as a well-received second lunch. The children cut up peppers, onions and lemons, crushed garlic, marvelled at the price of saffron and discussed the method used to cook most forms of rice. The school had a definite aroma of Spain about it, all of the children tried the paella and most of the children enjoyed it and came back for seconds (and thirds!).

Movie, Glitz and Glam!

Last night Year 6 hosted a film festival. It was a major success and it lasted for an hour and a half. It was a glittering red carpet event and everyone enjoyed it. All of Year 6

helped design and make the decorations for the night. There were posters, banners curtains and of course – the red carpet (well actually it was paper). There was a great variety of films, 12 in total. We had sad, action and comedy films. We even had an instructional film. We also had a refreshment stand. The refreshments tasted really good and the customers/audience enjoyed them. Altogether we raised £150. *By Rory*

Eco Picnic

We would love to see many of you at our annual Eco Picnic, which is on Thursday 21st June from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Gardening Club will have activities such as creating small individual gardens as well as selling some of their plants. Year 6 will be selling healthy snacks and drinks and there'll be a large Eco Art activity for everyone to take part in. We hope you can come along and bring your own picnics to enjoy in our beautiful school grounds.

Pottery Club Visit to the Fitzwilliam

On Wednesday all the Year 6 children who attend pottery club went on a trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum to look at a pottery exhibition "Things of Beauty Growing: British Studio Pottery". It was very interesting and everyone had a lot of fun. We especially liked the Moon Jars and Virtues of Unity by Halima Cassell – 34 sculptures using clay from different countries. *Isabel and Helena*

Litter on Grantchester Meadows

A message from local resident Anne Ghent:

'Yesterday I picked up 21 fantastic posters from Year 3. I especially enjoyed the slogans contained therein. "Don't be Dim - Put it in the bin!" being a particular favourite. Please pass on our thanks. We are in the process of copying the posters, laminating them and then making sure we have the appropriate permission to put them up.

We loved them all and it simply wouldn't be fair to choose between them and so we would like to be able to display all of them. That amounts to quite a lot of posters in a small area but if we can get the OK, I would like to have them placed along the fence that leads to the meadows – maybe one poster every couple of pieces of fencing. It should be quite an impactful display. Once they are in place, I will let you know, the children might want to see them.'

Well done Y3 and we look forward to seeing the posters on display and even more importantly a reduction in litter on Grantchester Meadow!

Nrich Parent Workshop

Who is it for? Parents, carers, grandparents etc. of children aged 8-13

Date: 21 June 2018

Time: 4.30 - 6.00pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Institute of Continuing Education, Madingley Hall, Cambridge CB23 8AQ

Enquiries: 01223 746237 / clare.kerr@ice.cam.ac.uk

Nrich, a website created by the maths department of the University of Cambridge, are running a free taster parent workshop on 21st June. The website is often used by the teachers in school to look at reasoning and problem solving to fit in with the units of maths that are being covered. If you're interested, you will have to go the web address below and follow the link. The event is free, but there are limited spaces available.

<https://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/event/maths-parents-workshop-free-taster-event>

Summer Fair Sunday 8 July 2018



PTA Summer Fair Update

There are only 33 days left until this year's Summer Fair! On Sunday 8th July, the school grounds will be transformed with bouncy castles, a BBQ, bars serving children's and grown up's drinks, cakes-a-plenty, and stalls to while away a (hopefully!) glorious summer afternoon.

To make this a success, we need the following: **HAMPERS, HELPERS AND HAND ME DOWNS!**

HAMPERS - luxury non perishable food items. Wine, jams, chutneys, cookies etc. Each class will have a basket in the classroom after half term for you to leave your food items.
HELPERS - the fair cannot go ahead without your help. Help out for 30 minutes, a couple of hours, by making something in advance - all your help is gratefully received. The sign up sheet is here: <http://www.slottr.com/sheets/10670719>
HAND ME DOWNS - pre loved good quality children's clothing, sports clothes, shoes and toys are needed for our 'Pre-loved Stall'. We're also looking for unwanted crockery for our crockery smash stall!

This year we're also looking for budding bakers to enter our Bake Off competition at the fete. More information to follow, but there will be a Reception, KS1 and KS2 category for cakes or cupcakes.

Thanks in advance for all your help.

School Meals

Following the comments on this year's Parent/Carer survey we are pleased to inform you that Ms Noble and her team have been providing large pieces of fruit e.g. water melon and pineapple, bowls of strawberries as well as whole apples. We realise some children prefer this to bowls of mixed fruit salad. Cheese and biscuits are available twice a week, a baked pudding once a week and yoghurts will be reduced to once a week.



The school lunch menu for the week beginning 11 June will be Week 1. 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

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| Y3 swimming..... | 11 June |
| Y5 & 6 mixed Kwik Cricket tournament..... | 11 June |
| Y4 swimming..... | 12 June |
| New Reception parents induction meeting 9.30am | 14 June |
| Y3 Forest School am, Y6 pm..... | 15 June |
| Y2 swimming..... | 15 June |
| Newnham Croft Music Festival 3.30pm | 15 June |

School Vacancies

TEACHING ASSISTANT 1-1 contract for a named child

Level L2/3 depending on experience (£16781-£18070 per annum , or £9.90-£10.66 per hour, pro rata)

Part time 3 days a week/19.5 hours per week

Required for September 2018.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The appointment is subject to a receipt of satisfactory references and enhanced DBS check.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated Teaching Assistant to join our dedicated and supportive team, who can assist in the preparation and delivery of an individual programme of support as outlined in an Educational Health Care Plan for a named child in Year 4 with Global Development delay and Hypertonia. The child enjoys attending school and is making progress.

The ideal candidate would...

- Have a desire to help children learn and reach their potential
- Want to make a difference to the lives of children
- Be a team player with a sense of humour
- Have enthusiasm, patience, be caring and understanding
- Work closely with the class teachers and have experience of working in a primary school
- Model and expect high standards of behaviour and achievement
- Communicate effectively with children and adults

Closing date for applications is 3.30 pm Friday 22nd June 2018. It is anticipated that interviews will take place on Tuesday 26th June 2018.

Please contact the school by e-mail or telephone for further information and application packs. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact Mrs Bracey in the school office on 01223 508737 to make an appointment.

Community News

Chesterton Eagles Girls U9's now is recruiting

Have you got a child currently in year 2 or 3 and interested in football and would like to play on a team?we are looking for players for friendly games and tournaments

No experience needed just a love of fun and a willingness to have a go. Free training for 3 weeks from Tuesday 5th June until 19th June at Chesterton Rec (Pye's rec), Church street from 5.00-6.00pm. The new season starts in September 2018. If you are interested apply now by emailing your child's details to: twerdmuller@yahoo.com or just turn up on the day.

Pembroke College is launching a new Girls' Choir in September

The Choir aims to bring together girls between the ages of 11-18 from schools around Cambridge, helping them experience life as a chorister in a Cambridge College. Based in the Chapel of Pembroke College, the Choir will provide a comprehensive musical education, with rehearsals every Wednesday and Thursday after school, and a service of Choral Evensong on Thursdays. The Choir will focus on musical excellence, performing at a professional level on a weekly basis alongside regular concerts and tours. The Choir is free to join, and all choristers will receive free singing lessons and optional theory lessons. You can find out more at <http://www.musicatpembroke.com/girls-choir>. We will be holding auditions for the Girls' Choir on Sunday 24th June, and auditions can be arranged by emailing me at arel2@cam.ac.uk. Alternative arrangements can be made for any who can't attend on the 24th.