



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

So we arrive at the end of our first half term - suitably soggy but mostly thriving, and with the promise of Halloween, autumn colours, fireworks and all the fun of the build up to Christmas.

The reading books that so many of you raised money for have been ordered, the end of topics have been celebrated (Year 5 and 6 had their Greek day today) and I think everyone is ready for half term.

There are various attachments today. One is a thank you note from Jimmy's for all your donations and there are two from the Green Doctor which is a free service aimed at offering practical solutions and signposting for those aiming to reduce their energy bills and consumption.

We hope you all have a restful and wonderful break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 30 October.

Kind regards
Eddie Ferguson

Classroom news:

Reception

Our 'noticing' in Maths has continued into this week's learning. We spotted groups of 3 objects all around us and then played a game called '3 or not 3' on our smartboard. This is called subitising, when you can recognise a quantity without the need for counting and Reception are brilliant at doing this.

Years 1 and 2

We've had a very busy final week and everyone has worked extremely hard. In English, we've been looking at shape poems. Year 1 and some Year 2s chose to make a shape poem about the weather and the remaining Year 2s created their own shape poem. Year 1 filled in their shape poems with adjectives and vocabulary that related to their chosen weather, while Year 2 used sentences containing similes, alliteration and adjectives. In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring subtraction and they used concrete manipulatives to further understand this concept and then moved on to write subtraction number sentences. Year 2 have been adding amounts together using pence and then worked out change using subtraction. In Geography, all the children created a design of what their ideal playground would look

like by adding three extra features to it, such as a swing, a slide or even a mud kitchen. In Science, Year 2 completed a small assessment to show their understanding of squashing, squeezing, twisting and stretching. In PE, all children consolidated this term's gymnastics, by building on their travelling, balances and jumps. All e-books have been added to your child's Big Cat Portals. Please continue to read with your child throughout the holidays. Well done for a very hard-working half-term. We hope that you all have a well-deserved rest.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy final week. In Maths, the children worked on finding missing numbers in multiplication and division sentences. In English lessons, the children wrote their own weather based poems, inspired by the poems by Christine Rosetti. The class continued learning to describe colours and shapes in French. Today in PE, Year 3 carried on working on their cartwheels and handstands, concentrating on the placement of their hands and feet and core strength.

Year 4

What an exciting half-term we've had and well done to all the Year 4 children for their hard work, effort and enthusiasm. This week, we wrote our own narrative poems inspired by our trip to the Natural History Museum and the poem Maggie and the Dinosaur. In Maths, we finished our unit on data by answering some tricky problem solving questions about line graphs. In Art, we created a magnificent erupting volcano whole class collaborative artwork inspired by Turner's The Eruption of the Soufriere Mountains. Thank you to Ms D'Oyly for inspiring us and sharing her extensive art and design knowledge throughout this half-term. Please find attached the latest spellings.



Year 5

We have had a very exciting week, starting off with planning our celebration for the end of our Ancient Greece topic. This involved an Ancient Greece style Olympic Games, complete with opening ceremony and laurel wreath presentation to the winners. A very kind parent came in to run a session where we used computer software to analyse how well we could speak Ancient Greek. In English, we have been using the verb prefixes dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re- and the suffixes -ate, -ise and -ify, while in Maths we have been using vertical layout to solve division problems and the ladder method to solve multiplication problems.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we had a great time celebrating the end of our Ancient Greece topic. We had a miniature Olympic games and dress up afternoon, which was lots of fun. Last week, Daniel Zeichner came in for a questions assembly and Mrs Turner had given us a task to think of some good questions. Also, on Tuesday this week, we went on a trip to the Corn Exchange to listen to Michael Rosen perform his poems. *By Filippos and Diego*

Pupil Photos from Pret-a-Portrait

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to school to take photographs, a viewing card with how you can view and order photographs should have come home from today. Photos can be ordered at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline of 9 November. Please contact the photographers directly with any queries on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

Basketball after School every Friday at Newnham Croft

We are currently running Basketball on a Friday and hope we can provide more super fun sessions in the future.

- The club starts at 3.15pm and ends at 4.30pm
- Price £4.50 per session - £27 for full term
- Start Date - Basketball Club will commence Friday 3rd November and finish on Friday 8th December.

Please use our link provided below to get booked on to our after school club.

<https://www.superstarsportcb.co.uk/book?fbclid=IwAR3AwLOeOppu2ffa6fdXS69gMRO5wANOn6ua2-R6aSlrL-uf9NAVjq3W2FY>

School Meals

The three weekly menu rota is attached. The first week of next term will be week 2. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

Half-term.....	23-27 Oct
Forest School Y4 am, Y2 pm.....	3 Nov
PTA Fireworks Night.....	4 Nov
Forest School Y6 am.....	10 Nov
Flu vaccinations whole school	21 Nov
Rec and KS1 performance 2pm.....	12 Dec
Rec and KS1 performance 9.30am.....	13 Dec
Last day of term	20 Dec

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

Fireworks Night

The highlight of our PTA calendar is fast approaching - **Fireworks Night is on Saturday 4th November, 5pm - 7pm**. This event always sells out and we have a strict upper limit on the number of people who can be on the premises on this night, due to safety reasons. Tickets are available only on Classlist - if you haven't signed up to Classlist, you can do so [here](#). We cannot run this event without your help, so if you can spare some time, please consider signing up here: <https://www.slotttr.com/sheets/18279346>. Many thanks in advance!

Futureproofing!

Also we are keen to pass the baton of PTA information onto new parents! Some key members of the PTA will be leaving the school in the next year so if you think you might like to be more involved in the future, please consider shadowing our volunteers who are organising Fireworks Night and the upcoming Christmas Tree sales. We have learned a lot over the years (mainly through trial and error!) and it will be much easier for future versions of the PTA to function if there is a little bit of crossover. Don't worry, you won't be lumped with a huge to-do list! The idea is to make you aware of what we are doing, and how we do it and for you to have an opportunity to ask questions. For more information, do speak to us in the playground or email newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com.

Diary Dates