



Newnham News

Friday 7 December 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments

- Jimmy's Night Shelter wish list
- French holiday club
- Programme for Mothers and their Children who have experienced Domestic Abuse

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Tomorrow is the PTA's Twilight Market and film night from 3–6 pm and next week we are looking forward to Reception and KS1 Christmas play, 'A Christmas Recipe' - the singing is wonderful! On Friday 14 December we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day raising money for Save the Children Fund – please send in a donation of £1 with your child. On the same day you are invited to our informal Christmas concert at 9.15 am in the hall.

Looking ahead to next term, Premier Sport will be providing a Before School Club every day, Monday – Friday, all term; they need a minimum of 8 children each day to make it viable. School extra curricular clubs will also run for the whole term and we hope that both these measures will support working parents with child care.

NB it's time to claim all lost property and lunch boxes before the end of term!

Currently our greetings are in Greek:

English	Transliteration	Translation
Welcome	Kalosarisade	Καλωσαρισατε
Hello	Ya su	Γεια σου
Good morning	Kalimera	Καλημερα
Good afternoon	Kalispera	Καλησπερα

The assembly music next week will be Handel's The Messiah, For Unto Us a Child Is Born.

Headteacher Recruitment Update from the Chair of Governors

Hi everyone,

I want to keep you informed about the progress being made to recruit our new Headteacher. The School Governors met in November and confirmed many of the details for the recruitment including the Job Description and Specification. They also delegated the responsibility for the selection to a Panel of Governors. This includes myself as Chair, our two Vice-Chairs and representatives from the Personnel and Finance Committee. We've all had lots of experience of recruitment as relevant members have been trained in 'Safer Recruitment for Schools'. We're also being supported by someone from the Local Authority and the organisation that supports the school for teacher recruitment (EPM).

Adverts for the position are up online via the TES, the school's own website and EPM and we've had some enquiries already! Do publicise the position to anyone you think might be interested. The more great applicants the merrier.

Anyone interested in applying can contact EPM for an application pack and can also email the school office to

arrange a visit to the school if they want to get a better feel for it. Applications will close after Christmas on 11 January. We'll give you another update in due course.

Best wishes, *Tom (Kendon), Chair of Governors*

Reverse Advent Calendar

This week you should have received an email with dates (also listed below) for each class to bring in donations for Jimmy's Night Shelter (wish list attached). Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

Y5 – 4th, 13th and 19th (to go in the 22nd box)

Y6 – 5th, 14th and 19th (to go in the 23rd box)

R – 6th and 17th

R/Y1 – 8th/9th weekend and 15th/16th weekend

Y1/2 N – 7th and 18th

Y1/2 C – 10th and 19th

Y3 – 11th, 15th/16th weekend and 19th (to go in the 20th box)

Y4 – 12th, and 19th (to go in the 21st box)

Pop Up Civic restaurant

On Friday 30 November, Year 6 prepared and performed a World War II themed 'Civic Restaurant' for their parents. It was a three course meal and included a visit from the black market and bands playing traditional war time songs. In total we raised £600.44! *Isabel*

Particular thanks to the Co-op who donated the drinks for the bar. We are very grateful for their support – particularly the manager Simon.

Schools' Carol Concert at King's College Chapel

On Tuesday Year 3 walked to King's College Chapel to the schools' carol concert. A few other schools went as well and we sat in the best seats! Everyone enjoyed it so much. *Tomke and Jannick*

Eco Craft from Year 6

Year 6 have been busy designing and making Christmas decorations for the Twilight Market this Saturday. They've been sanding, drilling and decorating hanging snowmen which will be available to buy from the Eco stall. They've also designed large Christmas trees made from scrap wood which they're busy constructing in time to be sold this weekend. Look out for the Eco Stall where there'll also be selling wooden candle holders, pre-loved decorations and hand crafted twig stars.



No More Boys and Girls

Thank you to all the parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 children who joined their parents to watch Part 1 last week. If you missed it you can watch it on You Tube:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wN5R2LWhtY>

The opportunity to discuss it together afterwards in the classroom led to many interesting observations and comparisons between our school and the school featured on the programme. The second part of the programme will be shown next Friday 14 December at 1.30 pm in the hall followed by a discussion in the classroom. As the focus is very much on the home and the choices made, we would like to invite parents from other year groups to join us.

Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Newnham Croft? There are over 3,000 shops and sites ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Newnham Croft no extra cost whatsoever. Please spread the word to grandparents and others - especially in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your support. Head to easyfundraising and join for free.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/newnhamcroftpta/>

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the next week will be Week 2.

The price of a school meal is £2.30. Please remember to pay for school meals in advance.

Christmas Lunch – This year the school Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 18 December. We will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner and there will also be a vegetarian option. The cost of the meal is £2.30. In order to estimate numbers, please would you notify the office by Friday 14 December if your child **does not** wish to have a school meal.

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.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Twilight Christmas Market 3-6pm	8 Dec
2pm Rec/KSI production	11 Dec
10am Rec/KSI production	12 Dec
Whole school craft morning.....	13 Dec
1/2N & C to Central Library am	13 Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	14 Dec
Christmas concert.....	14 Dec
Christmas lunch	18 Dec
Last day of term	19 Dec

Community News

KAPLA wooden construction after school club



We are delighted to offer a one-off KAPLA after school club in Newnham Croft.

Date: Friday 19th January 2019

Time: 3.15pm- 5pm

Cost: £7 per child

These workshops are suitable for children age 4 - 11. They will be working together in different age groups to build the most wonderful creations:



palaces, bridges, animals, futuristic towers and much more... Your children will experiment with physics by building different structures with the planks and learn about geometry by making their own geometric patterns. They will have fun, will use their imagination and work on life skills such as team work, perseverance, logical thinking and concentration. They will step back and be so proud of what they achieved!

Book a space now! Places are limited and bookings are compulsory. Bookings and enquiries: Jennifer

Norie kaplaclubs@gmail.com www.kaplaclubs.co.uk

French Holiday Club – see poster attached

Rocky is leaving! The New Croft After school and Holiday club is looking for another Rocky to be our DEPUTY MANAGER

Rocky is:

- Trained to L3 in Playwork, although Early Years or relevant Education and Childcare qualifications would be fine too as long as they are L2 or above
- to the safety and welfare of all the children in our care
- Enthusiastic, motivated and reliable
- Knowledgeable about all the club's policies and procedures and she ensures that these are all adhered to in the day to day running of the club
- Helpful in coming up with ideas for craft and other activities and able to explain and empower the children to have a go and give new things a try
- A good communicator with all users and associates of the club
- Able to stand in (deputise) for the manager in their absence both at After school club and/or during holiday club

In return for all this, we offer our Deputy Manager:

- Very competitive rates of pay commensurate with experience
- Some flexibility in working hours. You will need to be available to work during school terms and for some of the school holidays but, if you supply us with good notice you will be able to take your holidays when you choose - just not at the same time as the manager!
- Holiday pay
- Pension

Interested? Please contact Maureen on (0781) 279 8195 or email

thenewcroftclub@gmail.com for an application pack/further details or to arrange a pre-application visit.

All successful candidates will be reference checked and subject to a DBS enhanced disclosure check **Start Date: January 2019**

PTA Christmas News

The much-anticipated Twilight Christmas Market and Festive Film night will be in full swing tomorrow from 3-6pm, with plenty of festive spirit for everyone. Encourage your friends, family and neighbours to join us.

A few important points:

- We still need **volunteers** to help the event run safely. We are especially in need of people to sell food from 4.30pm as well as keep an eye the bonfire and chestnuts after 4.30pm. If you can spare even half an hour, please sign up here: <http://www.slottr.com/sheets/13450180> . A big thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. You can check what you're down for on the slottr. Please arrive a few minutes before your slot.

- Please bring **baking, home-produce** and **books** directly to the market at 3pm. We still need plenty of donations of all three. Thank you!

- There will be **Carols around the Bonfire** at 4pm. Thank you Shantha and the Gough Way Choir. Don't miss them!

- If you still haven't got your tickets for **Polar Express**, we have a handful remaining. First come, first served from the market.

- There will be a small number of **Christmas trees for sale**, so if you didn't order one in time, you are still in with a chance to pick up a beautiful, fresh, local tree. Come early.

- The PTA are hoping to accept **card payments**, thanks to Emily and her hard work setting it up. However, just in case the technology fails us, it might be an idea to bring along lots of **cash**, especially as there are some really lovely stallholders coming.