



Newnham News

Friday 16 September 2022

Interim Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Attachments

- Lunch menu

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have continued settling into the routines of the school year. The topics are up and running, from the Stone Age and the World Wars (KS2) to tales of the Three Little Pigs and other traditional stories (KS1).

The Reception children have been building up to attending full time by coming in for the mornings or afternoons. They seem to have settled in with smiles and enthusiasm (and have completed the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment, blissfully unaware that that is what they've been doing).

Our assemblies have looked at why we aspire to have a growth mindset and how we build and sustain a culture of safeguarding within the school, two areas we will be revisiting over the coming term. As usual, we have also celebrated those learners and classmates who have gone above and beyond, as well as our love of reading (Friday and Tuesday assemblies respectively).

The school will be closed on Monday due to the State funeral of Her Majesty, so we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning. Have a lovely weekend (and wrap up warm, by the looks of things).

Eddie Ferguson

PSHE Workshop for parents

On 4th October, from 8:30-9:00am, there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and learn more about PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) at Newnham Croft. This will include an overview of the main aims of PSHE, the themes that are taught in lessons and how we teach the subject. We will also look at the statutory RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) curriculum and discuss resources used. This will be in the hall with Mrs Turner. Parents with children of any age are welcome.

Classroom News:

Reception

We have been so impressed with the way the children in Reception have made their transition to 'big school'. Tears have been short lived and the children are looking very much at home in their new classroom. This week, they have been introduced to all of the areas of learning in the classroom and outside area to encourage independence, active learning and enjoyment. Next week, the children will continue to attend

on a part-time basis, swapping sessions from am to pm and vice versa.

Years 1 and 2

We've enjoyed a busy week in KS1. In English, Year 1 have been rewriting the story of The Three Little Pigs and Year 2 have rewritten the story with changes to the characters. In Phonics and Reading, Year 1 are recapping Phase 3 phonemes and Year 2 are learning the Phase 5 phonemes through the Little Wandle scheme, as well as completing their first week of small group reading sessions focusing on decoding, prosody and comprehension. In Maths, Year 1 have been writing, ordering and estimating numbers. Year 2 have been comparing and ordering numbers to 100 and counting in 10s from 1-digit and 2-digit numbers using a number line. In DT, we made a sliding mechanism for an interactive storybook and we learned about the properties of materials in Science. The children also learned about the different computing devices they might see in school and what these are used for. Your child will bring home a reading book from school today they have chosen for you to enjoy together and you should also have been assigned a practise reading book (the book your child has been reading in school this week) through the Big Cats e-library. Please let us know if you have any trouble accessing your child's ebook and thank you in advance for helping your child to practise their reading (decoding, prosody and comprehension) on a daily basis. Don't forget to send your child's completed reading log in to school on Mondays and Fridays, so they can be awarded their reading at home certificates as soon as possible. We will be changing books on Fridays.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have really impressed with their ability to use expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases in English lessons to describe familiar settings. In Spelling lessons we have continued to focus on spellings containing the prefixes un- and dis- and words where apostrophes have been used to show contractions (we'll, doesn't). In Maths lessons the children learnt to order and compare 3-digit numbers and solve subtraction and addition problems using their knowledge of place value ($659 - \underline{\quad} = 609$). In Science lessons, a lot of discussion was had over what is alive, was once alive and is now dead and what has never been alive. In Computing, the children were taught how important it is to use a range of websites when researching a particular topic. Our week was rounded off with our booknic which gave us all the opportunity to share a favourite book.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have created watercolour landscape paintings in Art and held a class debate over whether it is better to be a hunter or a gatherer in the Stone Age. We have continued with place value in Maths and have now moved on to addition and subtraction from three-digit numbers. In English, the class has come up with some brilliant examples of expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases and has been using them in written description. We started our new class book, *The Nowhere Emporium*, by making predictions about the story based on the cover and blurb.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have developed their understanding of place value of 6-digit numbers in Maths. They have been rounding numbers and using reasoning to explore and explain sequences and patterns. During English, they have continued reading *A Medal for Leroy* and written a diary entry and letter from the point of view of characters from the story. This half term's Science on Living Things and their Habitats began with a reminder of the parts of flowering plants and then learning about the different ways pollination can occur. They really enjoyed their Art lesson where they used figures to recreate a scene from World War I which was then photographed.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have looking further into what life was like in a WWI trench. On the same topic, we have been using natural resources to create our very own battle scenes. In English, we have been learning how to write non-chronological reports. Moving on to Computing, we have explored packets and how they are used in relation to the internet. *By Marianna and Cordelia*

School Meals

Next week will be week 3 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.

NEWNHAM CROFT PTA NEWS

Thank you to those who came along for Coffee and Chat this morning - it was lovely to see you all and a special thanks to the parents who lent a hand with set-up and serving. We hope you had a chance to say hello to familiar faces and maybe even a few new ones too. We will have another Coffee and Chat in November, so keep an eye on the calendar.

Our next focus is our first PTA meeting of the school year. It will be on **Thursday 22nd September at 7.30pm**, in person at the school and also on Zoom. We will be discussing future PTA plans and funding requests from the school. All are welcome - please join us if you can.

Zoom details:

Topic: Newnham Croft PTA meeting
Time: Sep 22, 2022 07:35 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78707534480?pwd=LAVTSDt3N9SBz2EzXpXAOA8QBTWUHn.1>

Meeting ID: 787 0753 4480

Passcode: CMP5ML

Lastly, thank you to those who have put their names forward for Class Reps - we still have a few classes with no representatives however, so if you're thinking about it and want to discuss it, or have questions, do get in touch with us: newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com

Diary Dates

Y6 to Hilltop	21-24 Sep
Y6 swimming.....	28 Sep
Reception parent workshop 9.15am in school hall	28 Sep
PSHE parent workshop 8.30-9am in school hall	4 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	5 Oct
Open afternoon for parents 3.15-4.15pm	10 Oct
Pupil individual photographs	11 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	12 Oct
Parent consultations face to face 1.30-4.30pm	17 Oct
Parent consultations via Zoom, 3.30-6pm (tbc)	18 Oct
Y5&6 cross country, Grantchester Meadows.....	18 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	19 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	26 Oct
Half term week	24-28 Oct