



Newnham News

Friday 14 January 2022

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

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- Lunch menu
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed a lovely week in school and they are now all getting into their new topics. We have had a growing number of Covid cases in school, but this has not altered the nature of lessons and the children are still experiencing a great time with their classes.

Hopefully you will have all read my email yesterday regarding the process for reporting Covid cases to school during the weeks ahead. If you've not had a chance to do so, please read it so that we can keep on top of the growing number of cases in the school and react accordingly.

The rules for isolation also changed again yesterday. So, from Monday 17 January you can stop isolating following a positive lateral flow test after 5 days as long as you have had two consecutive negative lateral flow test results. These should be taken on day 5 and day 6. Therefore, if you test your child on the morning of day 6 they may return to school that day. If they still have a temperature then they should be kept off until their temperature drops and there have been two consecutive negative lateral flow tests.

Can I please remind parents that the school day starts at 8.50am and not 9am. Please aim to be on the playground between 8.40 and 8.45am so that your children can go in with the rest of their class, be quickly registered to start sessions immediately. Currently the arrival of children between 8.50 and 9.00am is disrupting the start of the teaching sessions for the rest of the class on a daily basis, and across the week we are losing nearly an hour of effective teaching time because of this. I appreciate that occasionally traffic issues can create unavoidable delays, but for some children this is a daily occurrence.

Please also note that the class topic webs and timetables are now on the school website under the Curriculum tab.

Finally, I'd like to remind parents that all lost property is now being hung on hooks in the open end of the new shed (left hand side as you look at it from the playground). Mr Jach has fitted plenty of hooks, a hanging rail and other storage space for lost property to be easily retrievable by both children and parents. Hopefully you'll all appreciate not having to root through a damp box of clothing any longer. Please regularly

check this hanging space for any lost clothes etc as we are already getting some things that have been hung up for over a week (including a leather jacket).

The Swift Newspaper

Attached to this newsletter is the latest edition of The Swift – a newspaper written and edited by Year 6 pupils.

Reception

We have very much been enjoying our current class book 'I Will Not Never Ever Eat Another Tomato!' by Lauren Child. In the book, Lola's clever brother Charlie helps Lola try different foods by giving them exciting new names, so we decided to do the same. Jinyan renamed bananas as 'Yellow Moons' and Teagan renamed spaghetti as 'Swirly Twirls'. In Maths we have been looking at comparing numbers and quantities. We also had a look at ordinal numbers, using terms such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. In Phonics we have learnt the new phase 3 phonemes 'sh', 'ch', 'th' as in both 'think' and 'this', which are slightly different sounds. We call these phonemes which are made up of two letters, but still making one sound, 'digraphs'. We have also learnt the new tricky word 'she'.

Year 1

We have had another busy week and have enjoyed starting our Great Fire of London topic. In Science, we have been looking at the effects of winter on humans, animals and plants. In Geography, we have learnt the countries in the United Kingdom and labelled them on a map. In Dance, we have been moving like ice skaters again and dancing in unison and canon (dancing the same movements in turn).

Class 1/2N and 1/2C

In Maths, Year 1 have been learning some different methods for adding, including counting on and using their knowledge of number bonds within ten to add. They also investigated measuring objects in the classroom using non-standard measures (hands, lolly sticks and multi-link cubes). Year 2 made equal groups and wrote division sentences, as well as finding odd and even numbers. In Phonics, Year 1 learnt some alternative pronunciations of the graphemes 'u' (music, human and put, push) and 'ow' (slow, snow) and how to spell 'one', 'make' and 'here'. It would be great if you could help your child spot and recognise some of these graphemes and words in their reading at home. Year 2 made adverbs from adjectives by adding the suffix -ly and worked on spelling common exception words. In History, English, Art and DT, we enjoyed: learning about the events of the Great Fire of

London; retelling the story and drawing and creating Tudor buildings for a 1666 city-scape, using collage and designing a bread roll ready for a future baking project. In P.E, we learnt about dancing in unison and practised putting a sequence of movements together with a partner. Well done for a super effort with all your learning!

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have continued with their new topic by exploring the hottest and coldest parts of the world. They used a globe to locate the Southern and Northern hemispheres and the Equator. The class explored which countries could be found in either hemisphere or on the Equator. In Science, we've been exploring gases as a state of matter and the class experimented with balloons, feathers, empty plastic bottles and sponges to investigate the weight and movement of gas. In English, Year 3 have been looking at biographies and they read about Elsa the famous lioness and used this to help them identify different features of biographies. The class then wrote a biography, using their own choice of animal. Year 3 enjoyed writing in chronological order, adding key events and a summary. Finally, in Maths the class have been exploring fractions and have been practising halving odd numbers. Well done for a hardworking week Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have been continuing their learning with fractions this week, particularly finding fractions of amounts. We took part in some fun investigations based on creating pick 'n' mix bags, calculating the fraction of amount of each type of treat that needs to go in our bags. In English, we have been working on planning and producing biographies. In Art, we have been drawing and painting seashells in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe, with a focus on naturally occurring shapes and carefully adding colour to highlight this.

Year 5

In Year 5, we started the week looking at horror as a genre in English and read examples from the book *Short* by Kevin-Crossley-Holland. We enjoyed the twists and that the stories made us think. Our Science topic of Forces began by looking at opposing forces on objects such as gravity and air resistance. In Maths, we have been investigating divisibility rules, and then using these to help ascertain whether a 2-digit number is prime. In our topic, we have been looking at the beliefs of the people of the Kingdom of Benin and comparing those with the beliefs of other civilisations we know, both contemporary and historical.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been busy juggling many events. In PE we have been doing hockey and dancing the Charleston; in Maths we were multiplying decimals; in English we carried on reading our class book; in History we were writing explanations of the Benin beliefs; in Computing we were organising data in Excel or Google Sheets; in Art we were sketching important animals and holy statues and in Music we

were learning body percussion. *By Avigail, Hannah, Sofia, and Charlotte.*

School Meals

Next week will be the week 3 menu (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

Yours faithfully,

Andy Matthews, Headteacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

AED installed in Newnham

Thanks to fundraising in the local community by 11th/9th Cambridge Scout Group and St. Mark's PCC a new AED has now been installed next to the entrance to Newnham Co-op. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Music workshop at St Mark's for Year 1 – Year 3 aged children. See poster attached.