



Newnham News

Friday 13 July 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Free WWI activity day

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Our summer fete last Sunday was a lovely event. Thank you to everyone who came along and spent money! Thank you also to everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a success, particularly Emily Cleevely, Chair of the PTA, whose organisation was wonderful!

Next week is the last week of term so please **claim all lost property and lunch boxes by the end of the week**; anything remaining will be recycled. Please also remember to **return library books** so that we can tidy and organise the library. The last day of term is Friday 20 July; teaching staff have two training days on Monday and Tuesday 23 and 24 July.

Until the end of term our greetings will be in Russian.

Welcome	Dobro pozhalovat'	Добро пожаловать
Hello	Preevet	Привет
Good morning	Dob-ro-ye ootro	Доброе утро
Good afternoon	Dob-ri dyen'	Добрый день
Goodbye	Das-ve-danya	До свидания

Next week the music in assembly will be Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 4.

Sports Day Reminder Tuesday 17 July

R/KS1 sports day will be in the morning starting at 9.30am and KS2 will begin at 1pm. **Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school.** The R/KS1 sports day will open with 1/2C and 1/2N showing the Maypole dances they have been learning this term with Mrs Onatskaia.

Year 6 Play

Last night Year 6 sang and danced with great enthusiasm and confidence in their play called The Wonky Towers Hotel V5. As you may have guessed the children wrote the script and it was very funny, especially the improvisation! They also choreographed the dances and chose the songs which they performed very professionally. All of Year 6 worked extremely hard to put on a fantastic production in less than two weeks! The singing and dancing were excellent – thanks to Mrs Onatskaia for supporting the children in their musical creativity.

Many thanks to the Year 6 staff team, Miss Holliday, Mrs Elbourne and Ms Noble for providing so many inspiring learning opportunities in such a supportive and caring environment and particularly for allowing the children to direct and create their play! Thank you also to Mr Jach for setting up the stage and chairs.

Music Assembly

We had a delightful informal music assembly this morning. Year 3 and 4 performed a percussion piece, Year 5 a rap and Year 6 sang 'Don't Stop Me Now' from their play. We also enjoyed a performance by the Year 5 recorder group and our two choirs. Thank you to all the parents and families who came to the assembly, to the children for their wonderful performances and sensible behaviour whilst moving around the hall and a big thank you to Mrs Onatskaia for all her hard work and creativity teaching music across the school.

Moving Class Session

This week the children had the opportunity to meet their teacher for September and spend some time together in their new class. R/KS1 will have a second transition session next week.

Year 3 and 4 Sponsored Swim

On 10 July Year 4 did their sponsored swim. First we were divided into our usual swimming groups and then we set off one by one and swam as many lengths as possible including: breast stroke, front crawl and back stroke. In total Year 4 swam 531 lengths which is around 8.2 miles. We did it to raise money for a charity called Surfers Against Sewage, who help deal with the problem of plastic pollution. We want to say a big thank you to Mrs Alecu who has come swimming with us every week this term. *By Camilla and Mark*

On 11 July Year 3 participated in a sponsored swim to raise money for the charity Surfers Against Sewage which protects oceans, seas and beaches from plastic and dangerous objects. Year 3 swam lots and lots of widths and together with Year 4 we raised over £500. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us. *By Nelly*

Charity Afternoon

Today the children organised some fun activities to raise money for the Street Child United charity. The United Nations estimates there are up to 150 million children surviving on the streets worldwide. Life on the streets for these children is filled with danger. Instead of

receiving support, they are often blamed for their situation and stigmatised. As a result, they face violence and abuse. Although they are vulnerable, they are also resourceful and resilient – but are denied the opportunities they need to realise their potential. The charity puts on international sporting events where street children from around the world take part. This helps change people's negative perceptions of street children. Their goal is to inspire a brighter, safer future for street-connected children everywhere. See their website for more details and information about their latest event – a children's world cup football tournament in Russia!

<https://www.streetchildunited.org>

Well done to all the children and staff (the school council) for organising the afternoon and thank you to all parents who sent money for the children to take part in events; it was a great opportunity for the children to work together, show leadership and initiative. We will know the total raised next week.

WWI Assembly

Gill and Matthew came in from History Needs You to tell the children about the role Cambridge had in providing a hospital for wounded soldiers during WWI and also the key part that women played. There is a free activity day this Saturday in St Mary's Church (see flyer attached).

Summer Fete

Last Sunday's summer fete was a fantastic event, enjoyed not just by current families at the school but lots of other people from our local community. After all the expenses and tallying up, we raised a massive £2,590 for the school! Thank you everyone for making the event such a great success. The weather was fabulous and - although the cakes didn't enjoy the heat so much - everyone had been really creative with their Bake Off entries. It was great to see so many people there enjoying the food and drink, taking pictures in the photo booth with silly props, and having a go at the tennis, circus workshop and trying out all the stalls that were available.



School Meals

The school lunch menu for the week beginning 16 July will be Week 3. 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

Sports Day Rec & KS1	9.30am, KS2 1pm.....	17 July
Sports Day reserve		18 July
Y6 leavers' assembly	9am.....	19 July
Y6 leavers' BBQ		19 July
Last day of term.....		20 July

Community News

Tennis Summer Camps and Coaching

Cocks and Hens tennis club - who ran the tennis workshop at the fete - are also running camps throughout the summer. If you're still looking for summer activities, see what's on offer at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CocksandHensTennisCambridge>

Circus Summer Camps

Right Side Up Circus - who ran the circus workshop on Sunday - have exciting summer circus events running 6-10 August. Find out more here: <https://www.rsu-circus.co.uk/summercamp/>