



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

As this will be the last newsletter of the year, I thought a thank you would be appropriate.

When I think back over this year, the highlights for me have been events like the auction and sports day, occasions when everyone has come together.

In a complicated world, with busy lives, there is a simple pleasure in finding time to enjoy five year old children competing in a noodle-between-the-legs race. Or the joy of a community coming together with a common purpose, and the feeling of belonging and unity that brings.

I've written before about the absolute wonder of children's outlooks and outputs - a grounding amongst the swirl of modern life. Therefore, a primary school is uniquely placed to provide moments of joy that counter the nagging sense that the iceberg is getting closer!

So I would like to thank you - for your children and for your support at our school events this year. Both have enriched my year appreciably.

Everyone in school hopes you have lovely summers and we look forward to welcoming most of you back for a new school year on Wednesday, September 3rd.

For those who leave us more permanently, good luck in your new adventures - you have contributed to another wonderful school year.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Last day of term
Back to school

Wed 23 July
Wed 3 Sept

Please check the school calendar on our [website](#), which updated regularly.

Whole school news

Lost and found

Please have a look in the lost property shed for any missing items - everything will be donated to Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub at the start of the summer holidays.

Lunchtime supervisor

We would very much like to hear from anyone who might like to work in school as a lunchtime supervisor. The hours are 11.45 am - 1.15 pm, two to five days a week. The pay is £11.79 per hour. This is a lovely job involving facilitating and supervising the children's play outside, encouraging them to eat our delicious school dinners and a little bit of sweeping up and wiping tables. If you are interested please contact the office 01223 508737 or office@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk

School Meals

Please ensure you have settled your lunch money balance by the end of term.

Please be aware that the price of a school meal will be increasing to £2.75 from September. We are aware that this follows an increase in January but governors will be reviewing the meal costs annually and it makes sense to do this for the start of each academic year.

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.

Classroom news

Reception

We've had a brilliant penultimate week in Reception. Our week has been filled with Sports Day, story writing, ladybird hunting, and a bit of counting. In Literacy, all children completed their retelling of the class story, *The Gigantic Turnip*. They challenged themselves by including adjectives and the names of the characters in their sentences, and some children went even further by adding a variety of prepositions. In maths, all children practised counting in 2s and worked out which numbers up to 50 are odd and which are even. Sports Day was a big highlight, and Ms Wakelen put a lot of effort into organising it. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch their children take part. During Active Learning, all children have enjoyed searching for — or being found by — various ladybirds. Well done for a brilliant week, Reception!

Year 1

The children in Year 1 have had a week of completing things. We completed the child led projects and shared them with the children in Reception. We have completed the introduction of all of the phonemes that Year 1 needs to know before they move into Year 2 and we have completed books we have been writing. As well as this, the class has been writing recounts, including being able to change the tense from the present to the past tense. So even though the word brushed sounds like there is a 't' at the end, we have been learning to use 'ed' instead.

Year 2

What a fantastic week we have had, finishing up our child-led projects! The creativity and effort the children have shown has been truly impressive. From detailed models of microhabitats to imaginative board games and a beautiful book of poems all about minibests — every idea has been fantastic. In science and DT, we wrapped up our Healthy Me topic. On Monday, the children created their own healthy, balanced wraps, choosing delicious combinations of fillings. We then enjoyed a lovely picnic at Lammas Land, where everyone got to try their creations in the sunshine, followed by some fun in the park.

A quick reminder: if your child hasn't already returned their library books, please ensure they are brought back before we break up for the holidays.

Year 3

Year 3 has had another busy week. In maths lessons they have practised adding and subtracting mass using kilograms and grams. In English lessons, they enjoyed completing their persuasive letters to the kitchen staff. In science lessons, they thought about the materials that could be used to design a glove with enhanced grip. In PE the children conducted themselves brilliantly during KS2 sports day.

Year 4

This week has been very busy with an amazing sports day and meeting our new teacher. In maths, we have been looking at different methods for addition. For science we have looked at the common and scientific names for the bones in a human skeleton. In French we created our own menus. Our child led project this term is *Healthy Me* and we have finished our project work. Each group chose how to present their learning. We have made Powerpoint presentations, posters, games and books. In art we filmed animations using our jointed models. We have also continued RSE lessons. Spellings this week were words from the Year 3 and 4 list. Don't forget a box and your salad ingredients for Monday.

Year 5

In English, we researched and wrote arguments for and against the summer holidays being shortened and then used our points to have a class debate. In maths, we revised long multiplication and then did some maths escape rooms to revise learning from the whole year. In PSHE, we talked

about how to keep ourselves clean and which parts of the body will need more washing during and after puberty. In DT, we finished constructing our steady hand buzzer games. We also enjoyed our move up morning in Year 6.

Year 6

During our last full week of Newnham Croft we have been preparing for the leavers assembly, followed up by another round of Masterchef. We have also started a very fun project on designing theme parks and making brochures for them. In our computing lessons we have had an introduction to a software called Sketchup, which allows you to draw 3-D models.

By Jinchen and Christian

PTA News

Another successful PTA Summer Fete Extravaganza

With not a rain cloud in sight this year, last Sunday families enjoyed a summer fete that had lots on offer - from delicious food, to the best Sangria served outside of Spain, fabulous raffle prizes, a free inflatable slide and plenty of fun and games at stalls run by each class year.

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who helped volunteer to make this year's fete such a success, including our teachers who covered First Aid.

This year the fete raised £2720 for the PTA!

Community News

Summer Reading

Please see the council [website](#) for information on the library's summer reading challenge. Please also see attached some summer reading bingo boards, recommended by Ms Holliday.