



Newnham News

Friday 7 June 2024

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Dear parents/carers,

Mrs Mangera, our Early Years lead, this week began visiting nurseries to meet the children that will be joining us in September. It highlighted to me that I can have a tendency to start looking beyond the horizon, at the summer holidays and the start of the next school year.

Which is a shame, as this half term always has so much promise of its own. It would be madness to pin our hopes on the weather, but we can certainly agree that the summer fete, Sports Day, open afternoon, Booknic, Eco Picnic and the trips and outings that the warmer weather allows, are very wonderful parts of the school year.

Not to mention all the learning that is yet to happen: the progress in reading and maths and all the snippets of knowledge and skills that the children (and adults) will acquire as we finish off the final sections of this year's curriculum.

Please make sure you keep an eye on the [school calendar](#), as well as the diary dates below. Enjoy your weekends.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Eat lunch with your Year 3 child	12.15pm	Mon 10 June
Open afternoon	3.15 - 4.15pm	Mon 10 June
Y2 swimming		Tues 11 June
PTA Quiz at the Alma	7.30pm	Tues 11 June
Y3 swimming		Wed 12 June
Y4 swimming		Wed 12 June
Eat lunch with your Year 3 child	12.15pm	Wed 12 June
Y2 forest school	morning	Fri 14 June
Reception forest school	afternoon	Fri 14 June
Eco picnic	3.30 - 5.00pm	Fri 14 June

Please check the school calendar on our website, which is updated regularly.

Eco picnic

Next Friday is our Eco Picnic! This is an event we ran in past, and a great opportunity for members of the school community to get together on our incredible school grounds and enjoy a range of eco activities which highlight the importance of looking after our biodiversity, reducing,

reusing and recycling the materials we use and being mindful about choices we make to look after our planet.

We have parents organising a crown-making activity using natural resources, Mrs Bicknell will be in the Forest School area with fun and creative activities, the City Rangers will be leading an activity where children can design a reusable bag and there will be a nature scavenger hunt for everyone to get involved in. We'll also be holding a second hand book sale. Please have a look through at home and see if you have any books you'd like to donate. There will be a chance to buy books, with all proceeds going to an eco charity. Bring along your own food, and consider ways to make it more environmentally friendly by reducing the packaging and choosing locally sourced, seasonal food. We hope for good weather and look forward to seeing you after school on Friday next week.

Classroom news

Reception

We have started our new topic in Reception. This half-term, we will be looking at the topic of *Journeys*. However, this doesn't mean that we are no longer interested in our previous topics such as *Amazing Animals* and *The Wonderful Outside*. A few weeks before the half-term break, Bryn from our class brought in a few tadpoles. We have been watching their development and finding out about them. Did you know that a group of frogs is called an army? Our tadpoles have developed back and front legs and have a shortened tail. At this stage they are known as froglets. We are now going to return the froglets to their natural habitat so that the cycle can continue. Thank you to Bryn and his dad for creating this learning opportunity.

KS1

We've had an exciting first week back. We were introduced to our new topic *Once Upon A Time In Cambridge* and we thought about what we already know about historical Cambridge and what we'd like to know more about. In maths, Year 1 has been exploring capacity and using a range of containers to work out what a container half filled, entirely filled and nearly filled looks like. The Year 1s put them in order to show the least filled to the most filled container. Year 2 have been looking at time, they all used analogue clocks to work out time to the nearest 5-minute intervals. Some Year 2s also explored quarter past and half past the hour. If you could help your child with practising telling the time at home, this would really benefit their

understanding. In science, we have started looking at the body and all children labelled their different body parts, such as ears, nose and mouth. Finally, in PSHE, all children have had their first RSHE lesson and we talked to the children about the scientific names that we give to our private/personal parts. All e-books and home reading books have been allocated to each child so please do continue with reading at home. Well done for a great week back KS1!

Year 3

Year 3 has had a really great first week back. Our new topic for this term is *Our local area*. In geography, the children learnt how to recognise different OS Symbols and identified some of them on a map of Cambridge. In our maths sessions, the children learnt how to recognise horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines. Later on in the week, they learnt how to recognise well known 3D shapes and sort them according to the shape and number of faces they had. In English, the children really enjoyed writing informal letters about a dragon's visit to their school.

Year 4

This week we have been looking at a story about a mermaid, how the main character feels and how we could persuade them. We have also compared sea legends, looking for similarities and differences. In maths we have built on our understanding of factors and commutativity to solve multiplication questions. This has been a good challenge! We have also been practising our multiplication facts of course. Please do keep up the practice at home. If your child still has some to learn, they now have a list of specific facts to work on. Please do ask them which facts they have. In geography we have looked at an OS map of our local area and investigated the meaning of the symbols we found. In DT we have found out how pneumatic systems work and have tried out some different ideas. We have also labelled body parts and thought about how water is used as a symbol. Don't forget to bring your toothbrush and toothpaste into school on Friday 14th for a science experiment. The attached spelling words to practise this week contain the suffix –ous.

Year 5

In maths, we learned how to multiply 2-digit numbers by 3-digit numbers using long multiplication. This was the first time using this method for most people and everyone worked really hard to improve their understanding of it. In English, we finished our persuasive writing unit by using our learned skills to write persuasive speeches to our parents about something we would like to change in our lives and we are excited to deliver our speeches! We finished our science topic by carrying out an enquiry to find out what age different people in the school consider to be 'old age' and discussed the physical changes that can happen to the body when we become old.

Year 6

In Y6 we have been planning and getting ready for two major events. The Y6 play which we write ourselves and MasterChef. We have also started our new and exciting science topic: materials. We have already conducted a fun

experiment which is testing which material is best for shopping bags.

By Dunya and Filippos

School Meals

The three weekly menu rota is attached. The menu the first week back will be Week 2. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

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 NEWS

PTA quiz

Feeling smart? Want to do something fun and help a good cause?

Join us for the Newnham Croft PTA Quiz Night – with a twist! We've swapped the school hall for The Alma Pub this time. Form a team of up to 6 brainiacs, smart alecks, or those who just like some fun. Bring your friends, family, and that neighbour who thinks they know everything. We've got prizes, a raffle, and enough laughter to make your abs hurt – it's basically a workout without going to the gym. So, what are you waiting for? Dust off your thinking caps, flex those trivia muscles, and head over to The Alma Pub for a night of fun and fundraising.

WHERE: The Alma, 26 Russell Court, Cambridge CB2 1HW

WHEN: Tuesday, 11th June 2024, 7.30 – 9:30 PM

HOW MUCH: £4 per person

All proceeds from ticket sales and the raffle go to the PTA, so you can feel good about your brainy choices.

See you there, clever clogs!

Summer Fete

The date for your diary is **Sunday 7th July** - keep your eyes peeled for your artwork in our poster and opportunities to volunteer on the day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Flute Day

Cambridgeshire Music will be hosting a Flute Day on Sunday 16th June 2024 at New School Road, Histon CB24 9LL. This day is open to flute students working towards Grade 3 and above.

As part of the day, students will be able to experience playing some of the rarer members of the flute family - piccolo, alto flute and bass flute (please note - the bass flute is rather big and might not be suitable for all!).

Further details and sign-up information can be found on the attached poster or [Cambridgeshire Music Events](#).

South Newnham Neighbourhood Plan

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning are inviting comments from parents on the South Newnham Neighbourhood Plan. You can view the documents online at <https://oc2.greatercambridgeplanning.org/document/1298>, and comment by clicking on the small blue comment icon next to the PDF. The consultation is open until 18th June.