



# Newnham News

Friday 10 September 2021

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

## Attachments

- Lunch menu
- Lunchtime French Club
- Duxford Saturday Workshop

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been so lovely to welcome back all your children and to enjoy providing a much more normal school than that to which they'd become accustomed. Hopefully they've reflected this to you when they come home after a great day.

Thus far we have had no cases in school, so we have no need to change any current measures for next week (long may that continue). I do need to remind you however, to not send your children into school if they are displaying any of the major symptoms. We experienced last July how quickly infections can spread and we want to keep your children in school for as much of the term as possible.

We've started the year with a whole school topic of Healthy Me, where the children have been learning about the value of healthy diets and healthy lifestyles. We are also looking forward to having you in school on the 24<sup>th</sup> September for our family fitness day. More details of this event will be sent out next week.

Hopefully you were all able to attend the Welcome Meetings with your class teachers this week. If you have any further questions about any aspect of school life please ask.

Can I remind parents of a few other aspects of the normal operations of the school. Firstly, I just want to confirm that the KS1 classes come out first at the end of school day, so please be on site at 3.10pm so that teachers can send the children straight to you. Can I also remind you that it is really helpful if school clothes are named so that we can return items to children easily. There will be a permanent, and easily accessible lost property store at one end of the new shed when it is completed. For the time being we will be bringing out lost property to the playground at the end of the day. It is also really helpful if parents let us and the New Croft club know if a child is not needed to attend the New Croft club on any particular day, as this avoids staff needing to find this out from the club itself.

Today has been lovely, as we've welcomed our new Reception intake and their parents into school for a welcome picnic. The children will be starting with half days from next week.

## Early Morning Drop-off Reading Club

We have now started the new Early Morning Reading group club and we have spaces for others to join. This club runs from 8am every morning in the Year 3 classroom at a cost of £3 per day. Please email me if you are interested in using this service.

## Parent Consultations for October

We have also made a decision about how we will carry out parent consultations this October (dates are in the calendar on the website). We are going to continue with Zoom based consultations on this occasion, however we will also create an opportunity before the meetings for parents to come and look at school books (possibly outside). Details of how to book times will be sent out nearer the time.

## Parent Volunteers Early Morning Drop-off Reading Club

We are looking forward to being able to have parent volunteers back in the school from October. If you'd be interested, you will need to have a DBS check carried out prior to you starting and provide two references. This will also be true for anyone who has previously had a DBS at the school, as a break of longer than three months requires a new DBS I'm afraid. If you are interested then please contact the school and we will be able to talk you through the process and explain how you can help us provide for the children.

We'd also like any offers from parents who might be able to either offer expertise in a curriculum topic or be able to contribute to our school assemblies. This could be through your links with a charity or through your career. Please email school to share how you think you could support us and we will look into how that could be used to enrich the children's experience.

## Classroom Round-up:

### Year R/1

What a great start Year 1 have had. We have been looking at making healthy choices and how this is more than just food. The children wrote a list of fruits that they would like to have in their own smoothie and we made one as a class that they all tasted and enjoyed.



After reading 'Supertato Veggies Assemble', the children designed their own Superhero Vegetable. This was great fun and they wrote about why Vegetables are good for us. In Maths we have been looking at Pictograms and Tally charts. The children have enjoyed finding out what their friends favourite sport is and marking it in their tally charts.

#### **Year 1/2N**

We have had a fantastic first week in class 1/2N. We have got to know each other a little more and have started our 'Healthy Me' topic. We worked together to prepare fruit and make delicious smoothies, and have also made an Eatwell Guide Plate. After enjoying reading 'SuperTato,' we designed our own super vegetable with super powers. In Art, we made a fruit and vegetable rainbow collage and started drawing big pictures of fruit and vegetables which we will paint using water colours. We have also been finding out information by collecting data on pictograms and tally charts in Maths. In PE, we really enjoyed trying different fitness activities and keeping a tally. We'll see over the next few weeks how much quicker and fitter we get!

#### **Year 1/2C**

Year 1/2C have had a really enjoyable week working on our 'Healthy Me' topic. We started the week off by looking at what makes us healthy. We divided foods into different food groups and looked at what makes a healthy plate. In DT the children helped cut up fruits to go into a smoothie and wrote sentences about what a perfect smoothie might look like. In Maths we created a pictogram and a tally chart which showed what the favourite fruits and forms of exercise were in our class. In Art the children have started to draw cross sections of fruits and vegetables. The children really enjoyed listening to 'Library Lion' and 'Supertato' during story times. Thank you for your support.

#### **Year 3**

It's been a lovely, sunny first full week back at Newnham Croft and Year 3 have worked extremely hard. In English, the class have started exploring the book 'I was a Rat!' By Philip Pullman. We read the first chapter and the class imagined what animal they could have been and then described the characteristics of this animal using adjectives. In Maths, Year 3 have been revising addition and subtraction number sentences using a number line and/or column addition and subtraction. In Science, as part of the whole school 'Healthy Me' topic, the class have been looking at the different types of teeth and their functions. Year 3 created a 3D model of a tooth and then labelled the different parts of it, such as the dentine, rods, pulp and crown. Well done Year 3 for a great week.

#### **Year 4**

Along with Mrs Wilson and Year 3, this week Year 4 made a superb start to our 'Health Me' topic and learned about how and why we must look after our teeth. We have also thought about the way that diet and lifestyle contributes to our overall health and wellbeing. We have revised times tables and place

value in Maths and enjoyed poetry and Aesop's fables in English lessons.

#### **Year 5**

This week Year 5 have been completing their start-of-term assessments, which has been asking a lot after a 5 week break. We also had a Zoomed tour of the Classical Archaeology Museum, learning about Hippodamia and Pelops and refreshed our memories of various systems within the human body. Later in the week we read some more of our book, 'Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse' making inferences about the main characters and predicting answers to mysteries based on our understanding of the gothic genre. In Maths we continued to use varied mental strategies for adding and subtracting.



*Year 5 have been looking at the Circulatory System*

#### **Year 6**

This week in Year 6, we have been practising mental addition, comparing decimals and fractions and looking at place value in Maths. In English, we have been studying 'The Highwayman' and drawing pictures from the poem with Mrs D'Oyly. In PSHE, we have been thinking about how to be physically, socially and mentally healthy. In History, we've been learning about Ancient Greeks and their gods. *By Tomke and Felix*

#### **School Meals**

The school lunch menu is attached. Next week will be week 1 of the 3 weekly cycle. 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](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk)

PTA website: <http://www.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully,

Andy Matthews, Headteacher

#### **Community News**

##### **St Mark's Church Toddler and Youth Groups**

Toddles is for babies and toddlers and their parents/carers, and is held on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10.15 and 11.30 in the hall behind St Mark's Church. Our youth group is for children who are 9 and above. We meet monthly for games and discussion - dates and locations are confirmed to those who register their interest. For those interested in either of these groups, they can email Natalie Lealand at [childrenandfamilies@stmarksnewnham.org](mailto:childrenandfamilies@stmarksnewnham.org).

**Newnham Football?**

Our 'open to everyone' friendly weekly Saturday football sessions are back on at Newnham Primary School from Sat 18th Sept. Run as community venture by parents with fantastic external coach brought in, all girls and boys are very much welcome and no need to have ever played before. 5 separate sessions are planned covering R, 1, 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6. Running from 11.30 through to 4pm. Just email us at [newnhamsportsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:newnhamsportsfootball@gmail.com) or speak to Beth and Ece at school. Taster sessions available too depending on overall numbers. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Lunchtime French Club with Jennifer Norie**

Please see the poster attached.

**Girlguiding – Are you interested in joining Rainbows/Brownies/Guides?**

We have units for the different age groups meeting at the Scout and Guide Centre just across the car park of the school grounds. Girlguiding is for all girls and young women, whatever their background and circumstances. We offer them fun, exciting activities and the chance to make lifelong friends. We are back meeting in person and would like to welcome new members to our units. If you would like your daughter to join us you can find out more and register your interest at: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/> or email [30thCambridgeBrownies@gmail.com](mailto:30thCambridgeBrownies@gmail.com) and we will get back to you.

**Duxford Musical Saturday Workshop**

This Saturday workshop offers in the region of 17 different musical ensembles as well as group instrumental tuition for around 8-10 different instruments. Most classes and groups are aimed at both adults and children (from Year 1 up). Please see the poster attached for further information.