



# Newnham News

Friday 5 January 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

## Attachments

- TEDXNewnham

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

### Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a happy winter break and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We were sad to say goodbye to some of our families at the end of last term and wish them well in their new homes and schools. Welcome to the new children and families who have joined us this term.

Currently our greetings are in French:

Hi	Salut
Good morning	Bonjour
Good afternoon	Bon après-midi
Goodbye	Au revoir

Next week the music in assembly will be Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, 'Winter'.

### Wet Weather Clothing

Please remind your child to bring a water proof coat to school everyday – we go outside whatever the weather. As the field is very muddy, children will need to wear wellington boots to play on the grass during break times. If your child wears wellies to school please make sure they have a change of shoes in school as wellies are for outdoor use only.

### Co-op

We are now into round 2 of the Co-op raising money for us as a local cause. This time there are two other causes and all donations will go to the one chosen by the card holder or be split evenly between the three causes. Please can I encourage you all to check you have chosen Newnham Croft as your local cause! If you have not joined the Co-op yet there are membership forms in the school office – it only costs £1 to join and there are lots of benefits to members as well as Newnham Croft Primary School! Thank you to our local Co-op, especially Simon Eggleton, the manager, for all their support.

### Year 6 Parent/Carer Information Meeting Thursday 11 January at 3.30 pm Y6 classroom

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Year 6 statutory national curriculum tests and teacher assessments in May.

### Safety on Chedworth Street

Please ensure your children walk on the pavements not in the road! Please do not park on the junction under any

circumstances – the yellow lines have faded but there were double yellow lines on the junction.

### New Adult Bike Park

Bike racks have been placed in the car park for adults to use whilst dropping off or collecting their children. We will be opening one of the car park gates so that bigger bikes with carriers can fit through. Please use the new space so that we do not block the main gates which would be needed for access in case of an emergency.

### Volunteers

Thank you to Mr Jach and the volunteers who came into school during the holidays to spread the new bark on the Island.

### Volunteers needed for Forest Schools on Friday 12 January

Year 1/2N&C and Year 6 will be taking part in Forest Schools next Friday morning and afternoon respectively. Warm water proof clothes and boots will be required! As always the more adult helpers there are the better, so if you are able to volunteer your time please inform the class teacher or office staff. Many thanks.

### Reminders

Children should not wear any jewellery in school, including earrings, unless permission has been requested due to particular circumstances.

PE Kits should be in school at all times and should include outdoor trainers. The children need to be able to put a dry, clean, pair of shoes on when they come back into school after outdoor PE to minimise the amount of mud in school.

### Please help boost the school budget!

This term staff and governors will be working on the new school budget and as many of you will know Cambridgeshire has almost the lowest funding per child in the country. **One of the ways we can increase our funding is through pupil premium.** All children in Reception and KSI are entitled to free school meals but pupil premium is different and has to be applied for; it supports families on low income and can be used for example to pay for music lessons, residential and day visits, 1:1 tuition. If you want to find out if you are eligible you can contact the Education Welfare Benefits Team for information about the benefits which support children financially while at school on 01223 703200 or email [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

You do not need to reapply if you are already receiving pupil premium. Even if your circumstances change the funding will continue to support your children for 6 years.

### Your rights

All children who are at school under 19 at the start of the academic year (4 September 2015) and are claiming or have parents who are claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but who are not entitled to working tax credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Tax Credit

If you are receiving any of the eligible benefits listed above you can apply online for free school meals

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

If you are not sure if you are entitled to Pupil Premium just telephone 01223 703200. The only information you need is your National Insurance number, date of birth and family name.

### Growth and Change Topic Work from Year 6

On Thursday we started an interesting Science topic studying viruses. We went through a lifelike situation on the computer about stopping a deadly disease called "bird flu" from spreading. The teachers took precautions by wearing scrubs and dressing their favourite pupils up! The next day, Year 6 wrote a page for a news paper with their own made up viruses, diseases, coughs and a lot more. It was just a normal lesson with the teachers teaching us the deadly symptoms of this flu, when a flu victim called Mr Ferguson burst in to the room! Half alive, he made the class go crazy!  
*By Reuben, Nick and Ellen*

### TEDxNewnham - February 17 2018

We are really pleased that we are partnering with Newnham College on 17 February 2018 in relation to their TEDxNewnham day. Some of our children will be going to the College with the Forest School in the morning and we hope this will be the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship. The College is very keen to extend an invitation to all those who live or who work in Newnham (together with a guest) to attend the TEDx - a day of short and exciting talks on ideas worth sharing. The day will be hosted by Julie Etchingham, the ITV News at Ten Journalist and facilitator of the political party debates. Rod Cantrill and Anne Miller of Newnham croft will both also be speaking.

Lunch, coffee and tea and cake is included as well as a celebratory drinks party.

You can see the line-up of speakers and topics here:  
<http://www.newn.cam.ac.uk/alumnae/tedxnewnham/confirmed-tedxnewnham-speakers/>

You can apply for tickets here:

<http://www.newn.cam.ac.uk/alumnae/tedxnewnham/audience-member>

The TEDx format is a vibrant and exciting way of hearing new ideas on a wide range of topics in an accessible manner - with lots of audience participation and engagement. There are also reduced tickets for 18-25 year olds - attending a TEDx day is a great experience for all ages.

### PTA dates for this term

Thursday 18 January	Informal PTA meeting and parent social, Red Bull pub, 8pm
Friday 2 February	Film night, evening, school hall
Friday 9 February	Pancake day, 3.15pm, school playground
Thursday 15 March	PTA AGM 9am, school hall
Friday 23 March	School disco, evening, school hall

### School Meals

The school lunch menu for the week beginning 15 January will be Week 1 of the school menu.

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).

Yours faithfully, Sharon Williams, Headteacher

### Diary Dates

Y6 parent information meeting 3.30pm ..... 11 Jan  
1/2N&C am and Y6 pm Forest Schools ..... 12 Jan  
Weighing and measuring Rec and Y6 ..... 15 Jan

### Community News

#### Tim and Tom's Symphonic Adventure

Join conductor Tim Redmond and his brother Tom on this action-packed musical adventure for all the family. Saturday 13 January 2018 at 2pm and 4pm at West Road Concert Hall. To book call Cambridge Live box office 01223 357851 or visit [www.cam-phil.org.uk](http://www.cam-phil.org.uk).

#### Charity Zumbathon

2 hour charity Zumbathon on Sunday 14 January 10-12pm at Newnham Croft Primary School. Tickets £10 with all proceeds going to the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. Call Anna to book a place 07780 654762.