



Newnham News

Friday 17 January 2020

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Clubs list
- Creating a Maths-rich household

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are well and truly into the new term now, and all the classes are well into their new topics. Incorporated into these topics are a few trips that you will be hearing about soon, which will help these topics come alive.

We also have a KS2 visit to see Michael Rosen at the Guildhall in Cambridge next Tuesday morning to look forward to. This should really inspire some of our promising writers and poets into enjoying the process of writing even more.

Attached to this newsletter you will find some materials and advice on how to create a maths-rich household for your children. This is a follow up to the year group expectation leaflets sent to you before Christmas and should be read alongside those documents. Shortly we will also be sending out our new Calculation Policy, which should further help you in carrying out effective home learning in maths which is in line with the school's teaching. The Calculation Policy is designed as a vehicle for explaining how the written processes for calculations are taught in the school. It demonstrates how resources are used in school, how they develop into pictorial methods and how this subsequently leads for formal abstract processes. It should be considered an addition to the Maths Policy as it does not refer to mental methods and the use of investigations etc.

If you use Twitter please follow me ([Head@NewnhamCroft](https://twitter.com/Head@NewnhamCroft)), this is a closed group for parents/carers only, where I only accept requests to join from school parents/carers and staff.

Year 6 Parents Information Meeting

Thank you to those parents who came to the meeting this week the PowerPoint presentation and hand out can be found on the school website for those of you unable to attend.

Year 3 Bikeability

Year 3 Bikeability took place today; below you can see the children having fun learning how to be safe whilst cycling and dodging the rain.



School Clubs

You should by now have heard if your child has been given a place in a school club for this term. There are still spaces available in many of the clubs, so it's not too late if you still wish to sign your child up for one of them. If you have booked a place, can I remind you to please make your payment to the school during the next week.

If you would be interested in running a new club next term, please send me an email detailing what you would be offering. We are always keen to extend the children opportunities of learning new skills beyond the National Curriculum.

Coding Club Request

Once again, Coding Club are reaching out to the wider community to see if anyone has any unused Raspberry Pi Sense Hats in the back of a drawer or cupboard. We've just started a project that uses them and, although there is a Sense Hat emulator that we can use on screen, nothing quite fires the imagination like an additional piece of hardware to plug in - it really helps the children understand that their inputs have a concrete output. All donations very kindly received.

Music Festival

The termly music festival for children learning an instrument will be held this term on 28th February, in the hall after school. All children are welcome to perform in this friendly and supportive environment. We enjoy hearing contributions from beginners and more experienced musicians. All instruments are welcome and there is no fee to play. Sign up here to say you'd like to play:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1r-GSfB1nWgDeYa4ETuAQStjUg8I7Gssxqjhtci2BYTU/edit?usp=sharing>

Parent and Pupil Questionnaire

The school governors have compiled a new list of questions for you to answer to provide the school with valuable feedback regarding your experience of the provision delivered by the school. These questions cover all of the areas explored by Ofsted in their questionnaires to parents, but also ask some additional questions which we would welcome your feedback on. Please look out for these questionnaires coming to you in the next few weeks. They will be available in both digital and paper formats. We ask that you complete one response per parent and not one per child. Alongside this we will also be carrying out a pupil questionnaire to gauge your children's views about their experience of life at school too. These will also be carried out within a similar time frame.

Holocaust Memorial Day

On Monday 20th January we will be observing the National Holocaust Memorial day. This year is 75 years since the

liberation of Auschwitz. We will be having an assembly for our KS2 pupils only to reflect on this in an age appropriate manner. We are letting you know, as it is likely that your children may come home with questions for you about this, and we wouldn't want you caught off-guard if that were the case.

School Meals

The school lunch menu for next week will be Week 3 of the latest three week cycle. The cost of school meals is £2.40 per day.

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

Yours faithfully, Andy Matthews, Headteacher

School Diary Dates coming up soon

Holocaust Memorial day assembly.....	20 Jan
KS2 visit to see Michael Rosen	21 Jan
Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition 1-3pm.....	29 Jan
Year 5/6 County football finals 9-1pm	30 Jan
Year 4 Maths challenge at St. Faiths 12-4pm.....	31 Jan
Year 2 Parent information meeting 9.15-10.15am	6 Feb
Safer internet day	11 Feb
KS2 Multisport competition 10-12noon.....	12 Feb
Year 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey tournament 9-2.30pm....	14 Feb

PTA News

Easyfundraising

Don't forget that every time you shop with Easyfundraising, you can raise a little bit of money for school at no cost to you. To sign up and find out how it works go to:

This term's important PTA dates:

January

Fri 31st Film night – 5pm start
Tues 23rd PTA meeting – school staff room – 8pm

February

Fri 7th Cheese and wine evening – 8pm
Mon 24th Pancake day, 3.15pm, school playground
Fri 28th Music Festival

March

Fri 6th Quiz and curry night
Fri 20th PTA AGM. 9am in school hall. All parents welcome
Fri 27th School disco

Community News

Cambridge Science Festival

This superb festival takes place from **09 - 22 March 2020**. There are loads of opportunities for your children to get involved in hands-on science learning during this event. We will be utilising some of the links within school as workshops, but there is so much more you can do as a family. It really is a great way to get your children motivated about science as a subject.

<https://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/>

Saturday Football

We are continuing our football training sessions on Saturday afternoons at the school, starting this Saturday 11th. Training is very sociable and is open to all girls and boys in reception to year 6 (no experience necessary!). There are sessions for different age groups running between 1pm and 3.30pm involving over 50 children. Sessions are lead by an external coach provided by 'Over and In' and have a focus on having fun and developing skills.

Please feel free to speak with us if you have any questions or contact newnhamsportsfootball@gmail.com - Beth Child, Ece Kizil, Henning Grunwald, John Stead, Simon Walker, Tom Smith (parents from the school).

Hot off the press: Dance acts & interactive workshops announced!

The St Bede's School PTFA International Food & Dance Evening will feature a Bring & Share Buffet plus Irish and Indian dancers... with interactive dance workshops. Tickets cost just £1 per person and include the chance to win a fabulous International Food & Drink Hamper - they are available on the door. Join in the dancing, or just watch the fun unfold! Invite your family & friends along to this fun community event. It's happening very soon... Friday 24th January 7.00-9.00pm at St Bede's School, Cambridge CB1 3TD
Bring enough "ready to eat food with an International flavour" for your family group to share; and don't forget, British food is International too! Plus you get the chance to taste and share foods from around the world.

Soft drinks, squash, tea, coffee & additional raffle tickets will be available to buy on the evening.

We look forward to welcoming you to our event, with Best Wishes from St. Bede's School PTFA members