



# Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

Today was the first full day for our newest and youngest in Reception. A big step, a big stage and very small people showing natural resilience and positivity.

What struck me most, though, was not the physical differences with the rest of the school but the mental and emotional readiness of the Year 1s, some of them only a few days older than the September born Reception children.

If not quite the seasoned journeyman (journey person?) campaigner, there is so much more accumulated wisdom of what school life looks like. For the Year 1s, an insouciant shrug as they get dropped off, the already-building friendships, the excitement of a day with those friends, of a day filled with learning and fun, the ability, for some, to read and to write. It's amazing what can be learnt in a year.

So well done to the Reception children - a great start to this new routine. But equally well done to the other year groups, for all that you have acquired over your time in school, whether it's been one year or six. The amount you have learnt in your time is phenomenal!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards  
Edward Ferguson

## Diary Dates

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| Y6 swimming (every Tues this term)             | Tues 16 Sept |
| Y4 forest school                               | Fri 19 Sept  |
| Y2 forest school                               | Fri 19 Sept  |
| Early Years workshop for parents/carers 9.15am | Mon 22 Sept  |

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

## Whole school news

### Flu vaccination - date changed to Wednesday 8 October

The school vaccination team is coming to our school on 8 October. To consent or withdraw consent to either a nasal spray or injection, please read the attached information sheet or click [here](#).

## Parenting workshops

For more information on free online parenting workshops, please see the attached file.

## Language for this half term

This half term we are looking at Polish and learning key words and phrases. See the attached list.

## School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 3. The cost of a school meal is £2.75.

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).

## Classroom news

### Reception

The new Reception class has started with us and is settling in beautifully. A reminder that there is a meeting for parents/carers on Monday 22 September at 9.15am. This will cover phonics, maths and will introduce you to ClassDojo, the app we will use to share your Reception child's learning journey.

### Year 1



We have had a fantastic start to the year in Year 1. So much has been going on but a highlight has been our understanding of teen numbers. Here, the children are demonstrating the number 14. Ten toes and 4 more (fingers).

### Year 2

This week the children have been busy across all subjects. In English, they took part in an exciting treasure hunt, working as a team to discover four clues before writing a letter to Mr Ferguson about the mysterious items they found. In maths, they identified two-digit numbers on a number line, compared and ordered them using greater than and less than symbols, explored the multiples of ten on either side of two-digit numbers, recognised place value, and practised counting in

tens from a one-digit number. In geography, the children used atlases to locate and compare the seven continents, while in computing they discussed the different uses of computers and began to identify examples of information technology. To round off the week, in gymnastics they explored different ways of travelling and revisited the gym shapes they learnt in Year 1. A small reminder that there will be a bonus Forest School session next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, and reading books should be returned on Wednesday in the children's home folders. Well done on a fantastic week, Year 2!

### Year 3

Year 3 has had a great start to the new year. In maths, we have focused on our understanding of place value and used this to add and subtract 3-digit numbers ( $222 + 500 = 722$  and  $944 - 30 = 914$ ). In English lessons, the children have really enjoyed listening to *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson. They really enjoyed using oil pastels to draw a textured picture of an owl. In geography, the children learnt



about the 4 layers that make up the earth. In our science lesson, lots of fun was had sorting sweets into different groups.

### Year 4

In maths, we revised column addition, especially how to carry digits to the next column. We also looked at place value and ordering with four digit numbers. In English, we described the characters in our class book *Grimwood* and predicted what might happen next in the story. Spelling work this week is all about homophones. In science, we compared the properties of solids, liquids and gases, while in geography we looked at the different way mountains can be formed and their names: fold, volcanic and fault-block.

### Year 5

Year 5 has had a very busy, fun-filled first full week in school. We have started the year as active members of KS2, enjoying plenty of Buzz Times. In P.E., all Year 5 pupils have been practising cross-country running in preparation for their upcoming cross-country run (more information will be shared closer to the date). In maths, Year 5 have been building on their understanding of 4- and 5-digit numbers, rounding them to the nearest 10, 100, and 1000, and placing them on a number line. In English, we have started exploring the book

*Goth Girl* by Chris Riddell. The class has been developing their understanding of relative clauses to help write character descriptions based on the characters introduced in the story. To end the week, we went on a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum to build on our knowledge of our current history topic, Ancient Greece. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by both Year 5 and Year 6, and the classes learnt a great deal about symbolism, religion, and everyday life. Well done for a fantastic week, Year 5!



### Year 6

This week in Year 6, we went on a school trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum. In English, we did performances of *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. In DT, we have made sandwiches for our school trip. In maths, we have been rounding and column subtraction/addition. In PE we have been trying out our cross-country. Also in science, we have been learning about the life cycle of a plant. In history, we have been making shields inspired by Ancient Greek gods and goddesses. Lastly we have been reading our class book *The Boy in the Girl's Bathroom*.



by Kamille and Ava

## Community News

### Dog Show

Please see the attached poster from Oakington Dog Day Care Centre about their charity event on 11 October.