



Newnham News

Thursday 24 March 2016

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you a happy and relaxing break. Thank you for all your support this term – it has been a short and very busy term with lots of exciting learning. Thank you also to the staff for their hard work and commitment to all of the children in our school.

Today we said goodbye to Andrea Flack, catering assistant, who is going to have a baby and Sophie Sakol, who has worked in the kitchen and been a lunchtime supervisor. We wish them both much happiness for the future.

On Monday we were treated to a dance display by Naomi's dance club and Year 6 who performed the dances they have learned this term to the rest of the school and to their parents. Year 6 had learnt so many dances from different eras including the waltz, Charleston and rock and troll! Well done to all the dancers and thank you Naomi and Miss Holliday.

Today Year 5 will be performing the dances they have worked on this term in PE and the Friday choir will sing: *Do-Re-Mi; We are the dinosaurs; I like the flowers*. The Tuesday choir will sing: *Black and white* and *Somewhere over the rainbow*.

What an excellent way to finish the term! Thank you Year 5, the choirs, Mrs Onatskaia and Mr Ferguson.

Next term we will continue to use Swahili greetings:

Habari – hello

Kwaheri – goodbye

Please go to the link below for pronunciation:

<http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/swahili/player.html>

Our assembly music for the first week of term will be Gesualdo's Sacred music for Five Voices.

Please claim all lost property and lunch boxes by the end of today.

Please also name all your child's clothing!

Staffing

Very sadly Mrs Fraser will be signed off sick next term. She will be having an operation on her ankle and will not be fit to carry out the role of classroom teacher for the foreseeable future. It is really unfortunate for Mrs Fraser who has built up a good relationship with the Y4 class and staff who have enjoyed working with her and appreciated all her contributions so far. We will keep you informed of any developments.

In the meantime we are really grateful to Mrs Turner for increasing her teaching days to three and to Mr Orton for agreeing to teach the other two days.

Parent Survey – last chance to respond today!

We are keen to hear your views about the school, and ideas about future plans. So do complete the survey if you have not already done so, by clicking on the link below. The closing date is Wednesday 23 March.

<http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/2608179/Newnham-Croft-Primary-School-Parent-and-Guardian-Survey-2016>

Science Laboratory Workshop in Year 4

A huge thank you to Mr Davies and Ms Ghent for turning the Year 4 classroom into a giant laboratory on Tuesday afternoon. We were treated to a lesson all about DNA, its discovery in Cambridge and the role that DNA plays in cellular function. Step by step, the children were taken through the process of extracting DNA from strawberries. We learned the importance of following practical instructions carefully and safely. It was an inspirational afternoon.

Growing Microbes in Years 5 and 6

Mr Davies and Ms Ghent came into Years 5 and 6 on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, we tried to grow microbes by touching a type of jelly in a Petri dish with our fingers. Each side of the Petri dish had a different test, for example our hands before and after washing them or after touching the door handle. On Tuesday, we saw what we had grown! Thank you to Mr and Mrs Davies for a fun session. By Adithya

Birthday Party Invitations

Birthday parties are wonderful celebrations but please can parents/carers be discrete when inviting children to parties. There have been a number of occasions recently when children's feelings have been hurt by invitations being handed out to everyone else and they are excluded. Of course children should be able to choose who they invite to parties but please be sensitive to other children's feelings and find other, more subtle, ways of distributing invitations.

Assessment Information Meeting for Year 2 Parents

Year 2 parents and carers are invited to an information meeting about the new interim assessment frameworks for the end of KS1 on Thursday 14 April at 8.50 am in the hall.

PTA events for your diary!

Film Night: Saturday 23rd April, showing 'Inside Out'. Tickets on sale after the Easter break

Summer Fete: Sunday 26th June

As always volunteers to help organise in advance and/or run things on the day would be greatly appreciated for both events! Contact us via Classlist or Facebook (Newnham Croft Primary School PTA group). Thanks and happy holidays.

School Meals

The school lunch menu at the start of next term will be Week 3 however sausages will be served on Tuesday instead of gammon.

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

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Staff training day	11 Apr
First day of term for pupils	12 Apr
Y2 Parents assessment meeting	14 Apr
1/2N Forest Schools am	15 Apr
Rec Forest Schools pm	15 Apr