



Newnham News

Friday 16 December 2016

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This is the final newsletter this term and on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you a relaxing break and a happy New Year. We hope the children will return rested and ready to make the most of all the learning opportunities next term. Please note the first day of term for the children is Thursday 5 January 2016.

Next term we will begin the term with greetings in English.

Assembly music for the first week of next term will be Vivaldi's The Four seasons, Winter.

This week we had two delightful performances of the Children of the World – a Christmas play with a universal message of hope and love. The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 sang with great enthusiasm and said their lines clearly and with confidence. The children enjoyed learning about the Christmas traditions in different countries, which of course reflects the many varying countries, cultures and beliefs represented within our school community. Thank you for your generous donations for Save the Children UK – we collected over £175 after the performances.

Thank you also to all the staff in Rec/KSI for their hard work – organising over 100 children so they can all have their starring moment is not easy! Thank you to Mr Goller for directing the play, Mrs Onatskaia for the wonderful singing, Ms Mangera, Miss Wakelen, Miss Garrison, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Mahoney, Miss Blake, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Wood, Mrs Burke, Mrs Mac, Miss Fang, Mrs Agbo, Mrs Barker, Mrs Meredith and Miss Burke for supporting the children in learning their parts and making props and costumes. Thanks also to Mr Jach for all his work on the stage and chairs and to Mrs Bracey for the tickets.

Christmas Jumper Day

<https://christmasjumperday.org/about-christmas-jumper-day/>

Today we raised £146.94 for Save the Children UK. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 and wore some amazing Christmas jumpers. The grand total raised with the R/KSI play Children of the World is £321.94, so thank you everyone for being so generous.

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday we had a delicious Christmas lunch cooked by Michelle Noble, Mounia Sebbah, Bug Noble and Linda Bennett. We were very grateful for the help from parents which meant the lunch ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our school chefs and to our lunchtime supervisors, not only for Christmas lunch, but for all the other lunches during the year and the excellent care of the children during lunchtimes.

Crafts

Today the children in their school council groups enjoyed making pompoms and used buttons to make decorations and cards. There was a lovely calm and creative atmosphere in all the classrooms, with children helping each other.



Live music

We have had so much music in school this week with the Christmas play, two concerts, carol singing and on Thursday we were treated to a performance by two parents – Mrs Hird on the piano and Mrs Redhead on the cello. Children and staff enjoyed 'The Swan' and the 'Tarantella' followed by some Christmas carols. Thank you to both parents – we hope they will return next term. If any other parent would like to come and play in assembly we would be delighted to hear from you.

Christmas Concert around the Tree

Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas Concert around the Tree this afternoon. Everyone enjoyed watching dance club perform and listening to two of our choirs, recorder groups and classes singing. It was quite a squash but we think the new format meant the children had a more attentive audience!

Red Balloon

On Monday, 20 Year 3 children performed in a concert at Little St Mary's church on Trumpington Street. They joined three other choirs, and were there to raise awareness and funds for Red Balloon, a Cambridge based charity that helps young people who are missing education because of bullying or other trauma. It was a lovely event, with beautiful singing from all the choirs taking part. As always, our children were enthusiastic and a credit to themselves and the school.

Carol Singing

Year 6 enjoyed spreading some festive carol-singing cheer around Newnham this week when they visited the Derby

Stores, butchers, chemist, hairdressers, bakery and Lammas Fields, under the careful watch of Miss Holliday, Mrs Onatskaia and Ms Noble.

Artwork in Year 4

Look out for more examples of Year 4 paintings on the school website and the display in the foyer. In the meantime here is Alex's Boudicca.



Bark

We have lots of new bark to spread in the wild garden. The scouts will be helping with this on Saturday morning at 9.30am. Extra help from any parents (armed with spades and wheelbarrows if possible) who are able to would be greatly appreciated.

Lost Property

Please claim all clothes and lunchboxes by the end of term.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We would very much like some extra supervisors for Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

Easy Funding

Such an easy way to raise money for school whilst doing your online shopping! Register at www.easyfunding.org.uk.

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the first week back in January will be Week 1.

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.newnhamcrofptpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Staff training day, school closed 4 Jan

First day of Spring term 5 Jan

Community News

Charity Zumbathon, Sunday 8 January 2017

2 hours charity Zumbathon instructed by Orsolya Ihasz at Newnham Croft Primary School from 10-12pm. Tickets £10 with all proceeds going to the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. Places are limited so to avoid disappointment call Anna on 07780 654762 to guarantee your place.

Christmas Crafts for Children

Kick-start the kids' Christmas holidays at Great St Mary's, Cambridge, with this fun-filled craft session on Thursday 22 December. Our helpful elves and angels will be helping children to create stunning stained glass scenes, festive felt wreaths and Christmassy clay cut-outs. We will have a morning session running from 10.00am-1.00pm, and an afternoon session from 2.00pm-5.00pm. Each session costs £5 per child, which includes all craft materials, a seasonal snack and frosty face paint. Booking is essential. To reserve your place, please email Rosie on heritage@gsm.cam.ac.uk, or ring 01223 741722. The crafts are suitable for children aged 6+, and accompanying adults must remain with children at all times.

Messy Church at St Mark's

Please join us after school in our Christmas Messy Church on Tuesday 20th December 3.30-5.45. We will be making Christingles, paper plate Angels, Nativity Boxes, Christmas cards and creating a special messy prayer tree as well as singing carols and having a special Christmas Bible story followed by a hot meal in the community centre. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome.

Carol Service

Please join us at this Sunday's (18th) Carol Service at St Mark's, Newnham, with a bring and share supper after the service. All welcome.

Crib Service

St Mark's warmly invites all families to its Crib Service this Christmas Eve at 4pm. Children are invited to come dressed up as a shepherd, sheep, king or angel or indeed as themselves, to join us on our journey to Bethlehem to meet Baby Jesus. With traditional carols, the Gallery Band and drama to re-tell that first Christmas.