



Newnham News

Friday 20 May 2016

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Newnham Neighbourhood Plan
- Eco Picnic order form

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are pleased to inform you that this week we appointed Miss Sarah Garrison as Key Stage 1 class teacher from September. Miss Garrison has a degree in zoology and special interests in maths, science, reading and outdoor learning. We hope that she will be able to spend some time in school towards the end of this term so she can meet the children before September.

For the rest of this term our greetings are Albanian.

Tungjatjeta (toon-jah-TYEH-tah) hello

Please go to the link below for pronunciation:

<http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/albanian/player.html> Please see the display in the KS2 corridor.

Our assembly music next week will be Prokofiev's Symphony No.1

Class organisation for September 2016 will be as follows:

Year 6 – Miss Holliday

Year 5 – Mr Pinnock

Year 4 – Mrs Cullen /until Mrs Fraser returns) & Mrs Turner

Year 3 – Mr Ferguson

Year 1/2 – Newnham (N) Miss Garrison

Year 1/2 – Croft (C) Mr Goller

R/I – Miss Wakelen

Reception – Ms Mangera

Children currently in Reception and Year 1 will be allocated to classes after half term and a letter will be sent to parents at the beginning of July. We aim to have balanced classes in terms of gender and learning needs; we also take into account friendship groups. Please do email the office by Monday 13 June if you have any concerns or information which might help staff with their decision making. All final decisions will be made by staff with the interests of the individual child and the cohort as a whole in mind.

Eco Picnic

Just a reminder about our Eco Picnic being held in the school grounds on Thursday 16th June. This year we have even more exciting activities planned including a Forest School session, gardening club fun and some environmental bag making as well as enjoying delicious seasonal, local food. You are more than welcome to bring your own picnic, but if you would like to order one of our tasty vegetarian hampers then do fill in your order form, attached to this newsletter and return it to the office.

Reception Visit to Wimpole Farm

This week, Reception class went on a coach to Wimpole Farm where we explored the grounds and saw many



different animals. We saw the cow being milked, the pigs being fed, and we got to stroke the Shire horses, chicks and rabbits. We learnt about the six special things that all living beings have in common. We were also very excited to meet the goats and their kids, as our topic this half term is the Billy Goats Gruff story.

R/I Class Make Sushi

The R/I class would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Aston for running a sushi making workshop last Friday. The children were learning about Asia and Mrs Aston talked to them about her time in Japan. The children loved making sushi and most said it was delicious! Thank you also to Miss Fang who came to speak to the class about her experience growing up in China. The children heard about the large class sizes of 60 and their strict rules!



Maths Challenge

On Tuesday next week a team of Year 5 children will take part in the Cambridgeshire Maths Challenge, and a team of Year 6 children will be participating in a maths challenge organised by St Faiths on Thursday.

Gardening Club

So many wonderful things are happening in Gardening Club at the moment and lots more planned for the rest of the term. Gardening club are after some extra resources to reuse. If you have any of the following you could pass on they would be extremely grateful if you could bring them in to Mrs Turner.

- ❖ Sturdy plastic bottles with handles (e.g. fabric conditioner bottles)
- ❖ 1 and 2 litre drink bottles
- ❖ clear plastic pots with lids (like the ones you get with hummus and olives)
- ❖ Clean large aluminium food trays for the tray garden

This week the kitchen used mint from the Croft Plot to cook the potatoes, chives in the potato salad, parsley in the garlic butter, lettuce and radishes on the salad bar and rhubarb for a crumble next week. This has to be a record – well done gardening club!

Summer Fete

The summer fete is approaching fast: Sunday 26th June, starting at noon. Please contact Kate Fry if you can help out - evanskatef@hotmail.com or find me on Classlist or Facebook. Remember the best stalls and tasks get taken quickly so get in there first! We need around 8 people to run the BBQ, 8 for the tea room and kitchen, 6 for the bar (a favourite job!), 6 to take bouncy castle cash, 4 on the gate, hordes of people to help with games and fun stuff, and volunteers to take on our traditional stalls such as the pre-loved clothes, tombola, home produce etc. We will also need helpers to set up and clear away. John Clamp requires 2 medium size, old iron bikes in working order for the Bike Super Soaking Challenge – please email John at JClamp@ultravision.co.uk if you can help.

We urgently need raffle prizes. Top prizes so far are a voucher for classy hair salon Sean Hanna and loan of a Cromer beach hut. Please ask any business or service you use - e.g. estate agents, builders etc can sponsor a prize, and pubs, beauty salons, shops etc can donate a voucher. Be bold - the worst that can happen is that they say no! If you need a letter from Mrs Williams to show you are genuine we can arrange that. Please tell Kate F if you are successful so we can follow up with the donor and say thank you. Raffle tickets will go out in book bags shortly.

Finally, remember to set aside any GOOD QUALITY clothes for the pre-loved stall. We do best with kids clothes and can sell things like tennis rackets, football boots etc, but please NO TOYS or junk. A box will go by the fish tank after half term.

Thanks all, from the PTA

Music Tuition

The Cambridgeshire Music Partnership (hub) is able to provide some help for pupils who would like to learn to play an instrument and are not in receipt of Pupil Premium but who may have a financial need. Families of these pupils can apply for financial support through the Access to Learning programme that the music hub operates <http://www.mushcambs.org.uk/files/uploads/docs/access-to-learning-scheme.doc>

School Meals

The school lunch menu next week will be Week 3.

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

Y5/6 girls Kwik Cricket 12-4.20pm	24 May
Y4 swimming.....	24 May
Wigs for Wednesday.....	25 May
Y3 swimming.....	25 May
Y4 Multiskills Festival on Parker's Piece.....	25 May
Group of Y5 to Makespace.....	27 May

Community News

Newnham Neighbourhood Plan

Please see the attached leaflet regarding a meeting to discuss a proposed neighbourhood plan for Newnham.

Musicastrocca

Please come to the "Musicastrocca" on Sunday 22nd May at 14.45 in Hills Road Sixth Form College CB2 8PE (parking spaces available nearby). An enjoyable musical performance for all families interested in learning through music. Please book your ticket at: palcoscenicoacambridge@gmail.com. All students taking Italian at Newnham Croft are warmly invited, your Italian teacher will be there looking forward to sharing with you the action songs. If you want to know more about the performance visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EldfXppmMlQ>

or <https://massimilianomaiucchi.wordpress.com/>

Thank you to everyone for making the time to join us all.

Sylvia Armit School of Dance

Children dancing at the Sylvia Armit School of Dance raised £1670 with their ballet 'Sleeping Beauty'. The money will be divided between Médecins Sans Frontières and Reprieve. Many thanks for all children and their parents for their commitment and enthusiasm.