



Newnham News

Friday 21 July 2016

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Cambridge Sword Fencing Club

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The last week of the school year is always a very busy and emotional time with many members of our school community to say goodbye and thank you to. Thank you to all the staff whatever their role, who have worked so hard this year to make Newnham Croft such a wonderful school to be part of. Thank you also to the governors and PTA for their support and to all the parents who not only support their own children's learning but also contribute so much to school life. This week we say goodbye and good luck to all of our Year 6, who have been a pleasure to have in school. We will miss them and their parents who have done so much for Newnham Croft over the years; in particular I would like to thank the Clamps and the Sharrocks who in their various roles as governors (including chair!), PTA chair and committee and of course Tech Club organisers extraordinaire have added a huge amount to school life.

Today we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Shipp who is moving to Devon, to Ms Bristow who has contributed so much to school over the last 11 years and to Miss Richards. Miss Richards has been at Newnham Croft for 10 years and will be hugely missed. Over the years many children have benefited from her fantastic teaching; making excellent progress in all aspects of their learning. Miss Richards, with her many talents consistently created a wonderful learning environment for the children, with stunning art work. We shall miss her very much but hope she will be back to do some supply teaching!

In September we welcome two new teaching assistants Mrs Ago and Mrs McFarquhar. Mrs Cullen will cover for Mrs Fraser in Year 4, Mrs Cole will provide SENCO cover for Mr Pinnock one day a week and Mr Orton will provide Deputy Head cover for Mr Ferguson who will be Acting Deputy Head until Mrs Fraser returns.

Lastly we wish all the families across the school, who are leaving us this summer, the very best for their move. We have enjoyed having you in school and all the diversity of cultures you bring to our community.

The weather has been hot all week and all the classes have made the most of our beautiful grounds. Here are Year 5 enjoying story time in the international garden.



The staff and I hope everyone enjoys their summer break!

Library

Thank you to the volunteers, Ms Emery, Mrs Brewster, Mrs Maclay and Ms Kovacevic who have helped the children every morning return and issue books. We would like to have a rota in September so if you have half an hour first thing in the morning once a week we would very much like to hear from you in September.

Year 6 – the last week!

During this last week Year 6 have enjoyed such a variety of activities – Master Chef, the leavers BBQ, Leavers Assembly and today their end of year treat was to play Zorb football!



Masterchef

This week Year 6 completed two rounds of Masterchef. The children worked in groups to create a scrumptious afternoon tea (which had to include sweet or savoury scones). The judges, Mrs Williams and Mr Goller, had a hard time deciding on points but choose the choctastic afternoon tea as the overall winner!



Former Pupil Athletics Success

Adelaide Omitowaju, former Newnham Croft pupil and big sister of Hector in Year 5, competed in the Triple Jump in English Schools Athletics in Gateshead on 8th July, where she took silver. As a result of this, she was selected for England for an International Match against Scotland, Ireland and Wales in Ashford in Kent on 16th July. This time she won and got gold! She jumped 11.90 metres!



PTA

Your PTA is recruiting! All the committee positions are available for election at the AGM every year and we need new blood - could you help? The main positions are Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, but if possible we'd also like to appoint a Communications position to help get messages out more efficiently and manage social media. Plus if anyone has corporate fundraising experience some help would be fantastic. Positions could be flexible so there could be joint posts or shadowing if you'd prefer to ease in gently. If you'd like to have a chat before committing yourself please do get in touch with Kate, Mary or Dan via evanskatef@hotmail.com. The AGM will be in the first half of next term, probably towards the end of September when everyone has had a chance to settle back in to school routine.

Have a great summer and thanks for all your help through the last year - over £8,000 donated to the school is definitely something to be proud of.

From September 2016 the price of a school meal will increase by 5p to £2.25. Please remember to pay for all meals in advance.

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the first week of next term 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 1-2 Sep
 Term starts 5 Sep
 Welcome session for Rec children 1.45-2.45pm 6 Sep

Community News

Cambridge Sword Fencing Club

Please find attached a flyer for a Year 5 and 6 fencing club at Parkside School.

Get Creative at Free Family Summer Events

RECYCLING will be brought to life this summer at a series of fun and creative family activity sessions at Waterbeach Waste Management Park.

Four free activity days - open to families from across Cambridgeshire - are being held on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th July, as well as Thursday 4th and Thursday 18th August.

The days will be run in the Waste Management Park's dedicated education centre, which is operated in partnership between Amey and Cambridgeshire County Council. They will include hands-on, practical activities using recyclable packaging and a range of other reusable materials, as well as a chance to see parts of the site in operation.

The activities are aimed at children aged between six and 12 years old, and all youngsters must be accompanied by an adult. Sessions are free to attend and run from 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm on each of the four days. Booking is essential to confirm your place. The education centre is managed by fully qualified teachers.

To find out more or to book your place on one of the family activity sessions contact the education team on telephone 01223 815490, or e-mail wasteeducation@amey.co.uk