



Newnham News

Monday 19 September 2014

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Pupil Premium Funding
- DFE Letter for Parents with children with SEND

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We hope that you and your children are settling back into the school routine and enjoying the sunshine! We hope that you found the opportunity to meet your child's teacher useful this morning and that you have had time to read the curriculum newsletters and topic webs. These and the class timetables are available on the school website.

Many thanks to the PTA for providing coffee for the new parents morning last Monday. It was good to see so many parents in school and they had the opportunity to hear about the Educational Welfare Service, Early Intervention Family Service, the role of our school governors and the PTA.

Phonics and Maths Workshops

I hope that you will all be able to attend one of the following sessions: Thursday 25th September at 6pm, parent workshop on the Early Years curriculum – focus on how reading/phonics and maths will be taught. This session will be repeated on Friday at 9.15 am. Parents new to the school with children in Year 1 or Year 2 may like to come along too. These workshops are very useful for finding out how you can help us to help your children to learn important skills regarding reading, writing and maths. We hope to see as many parents as possible at either workshop.

The 'Wild Garden'

The small playground has been renamed the 'Wild Garden' to fit in with the mural on the wall depicting the story 'Where the Wild Things Are' and the garden theme. Next week the beds will be planted. Mrs Willetts the garden designer will be doing this with the children in R/KS1 so please make sure they have wellies in school. Parents and children will have the opportunity to sponsor a plant – details will be sent home early next week.

Macmillan French Breakfast

<http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/Home.aspx>

Next Friday 26th September is the European Day of Language. We intend to celebrate our wonderful language diversity with coffee and baked European-style goodies before school in the playground served by Year 6 and the children will also be able to buy some at break. Please send in money with your child if they wish to participate. All donations will go to Macmillan Cancer Support as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Assemblies

Our music next week will be Vivaldi's 'Autumn' from the Four Seasons.

Yesterday we were treated to some live music – Mr Palmer from Cambridgeshire music played the drums and cello. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please contact Cambridgeshire Music cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

On Monday 6th October at 11 am we will celebrate harvest with a special assembly about farming in the Fens presented by a teacher from the Farmland Museum. We welcome donations of food on the day which will be given to Jimmy's Night Shelter. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly.

On Monday 20th October 10.15 am we will be celebrating the international Italian language week.. The assembly will be led by our KS1 Italian teacher since 2012, Maria Carmen Triola and our music teacher Mrs Onatskaia. KS1 students will sing and introduce in English and in Italian the three most popular Italian songs: *Fratelli d'Italia* the Italian Anthem (God save the Queen), *Fra Martino Campanaro* (Are you Sleeping Brother John) and *Il ballo del qua qua* (Chicken dance). Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly. Ms Triola and Ms Noble are planning an Italian lunch - *pasta al pomodoro* and *e polpette con i piselli e la mortadella di Bologna* (pasta with fresh tomatoes sauce and meatballs with peas and mortadella). KS1 children will learn the recipes and some of them will take part in the preparation and cooking process.

Road safety

Please avoid whenever possible driving down Chedworth Street at drop off or pick up as it puts children in danger.

Free School Meal and Pupil Premium

The County Council asks all families (R, KS1 and 2) who are eligible (see details on the attached form) for Free School Meals (FSM) to put in an application because even if you do not want the free meal our school will get valuable additional funding, called the Pupil Premium. We are sending this letter to all parents for two reasons. Firstly, from September, all Reception/KS1 children are entitled to a free meal as part of the Government's Universal Infants FSM Programme, but unless eligible families apply the school will not get the Pupil Premium funding. Secondly, we are not told who is eligible to apply but we do know that 20% of children in Cambridgeshire are currently missing out. If you would like help with this form, please speak to the school office or contact the Education, Welfare and Benefits office on 01223 703200 or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Pupils already entitled to free school meals are not required to complete this form again. You can still apply online at http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools_and_learning/294/help_with_school_and_learning_costs/2

New arrangements for supporting children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities.

Please see the attached letter from the Department of Education regarding the new Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years which became statutory on 1st September. We are in the process of updating the information about our provision on the school website and you can see Cambridgeshire's local offer on this link www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/SEND. In the meantime if you have any queries please contact me.

School Prayer Group

A number of parents meet occasionally to support the school in prayer. If you are interested in joining this group, please email the address below to find out more information newnhamcroftprayergroup@gmail.com.

Mandarin Speaker Required

We are currently looking for a Mandarin speaker to come in to school on a voluntary basis to support a Key Stage 2 child. We would greatly appreciate any amount of time given. Please contact the school office.

Gardening Club Appeal

Bulb planting time is approaching and the gardening club would be very pleased to receive donations of bulbs. Any help greatly appreciated!

Newspaper club

Newspaper club met again for the first time this academic year on Thursday lunchtime. We have welcomed five new members: Teddy in year 3, Zai in year 5 and Krina, Kate and India in year 6. We are still looking for new members for year 3, so if you are interested in joining, please let Miss Thorogood know!

Project Wild Thing

You will all know how much the children have enjoyed their Forest School sessions this year - even in the rain! We're also privileged to have the Eco Schools award and lots of opportunities for outdoor learning throughout the school. To support this and to kick start the Autumn term with a social event we have found a great film: Project Wild Thing. The film was developed by a range of organisations concerned with wildlife, conservation and children's play from the National Trust to Play England, and follows one man's quest to make nature as cool as iPads as far as his children are concerned. You can judge whether or not he succeeds by coming along on **Tuesday 30 September at 7pm**. There's no charge but donations and any proceeds from refreshments will be put towards a new pond liner in the Wildlife Area. Follow the link below to see the trailer. The Guardian says: "This film will change your life". That's not guaranteed, but you might find your children licking frogs like David Bond's daughter! <http://projectwildthing.com>

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. A copy of this newsletter can be found on our school website: www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk
PTA website: <http://www.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours sincerely
Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Y6 swimming 23 Sept
Parent workshop of Early Years curriculum 6pm..... 25 Sept
Parent workshop of Early Years curriculum 9.15am ... 26 Sept

RESIDENTIAL SITE OFFICER

37 hrs per week 52 week contract (plus regular lettings) 23 days annual leave. £8.23 per hour rising to £8.81 (Local Government pay scale points 14-17).

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure and excellent references. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment.

We are seeking a dedicated, hardworking and cheerful replacement to take care of us and our school. The post holder is required to reside in a 3-bedroom house nearby with a subsidised rental for this purpose.

We wish to appoint an exceptional person who will have the skills, vision and dedication to maintain the school to a very high standard. The ability to work as part of the school team, supervise the site team and liaise with contractors is essential. The caretaker will be able to work flexibly around school activities.

The main duties include:

- Cleaning
- Preparing facilities
- Maintenance work
- Ordering cleaning stock
- Site security
- Working with contractors
- Maintaining positive relationships with staff, parents and children
- Managing a premises budget
- Providing access for lettings

Visits to the school are welcome. Please apply using the application pack to the school address (CVs not accepted). For further information please contact Mrs Helen Bracey in the school office 01223 508737

Closing date: 24/09/14 Interviews: 26/09/14 and 29/09/14

Community News

World's Biggest Coffee Morning - 'Cuppa at Cousins' - Friday, 26 September

Cousins Butchers will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday, 26 September, serving coffee and freshly baked croissants FREE of charge to raise money as part of this Macmillan's Cancer Support national event. For more info visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or just ask Tony at the shop.

Bootcamp

A new season of **FITNESS Bootcamp** for adults has now started at **Lammas Land Park, Newnham, Cambridge, run by a qualified fitness instructor and personal trainer**. The classes will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30-10.15am. Each class is 45 minutes long and is a mixture of interval cardiovascular routines and body-weight strength exercises with elements of games, Boxercise and stretching held in a dynamic and fun format. Sessions are focused on comprehensive improvement of general fitness, strength, agility and visual parameters of the body. **The first trial session is free.** With any questions please call Elena Kapista on: [07983 329708](tel:07983329708) or send e-mail to elenakapitsa@gmail.com