



Newnham News

Friday 12 September 2014

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been a lovely start to the new school year and good to see the children returning with such positive attitudes. It has also been a pleasure to meet our new families. We will be using English for our greetings for the first few weeks of term and will then move onto German, following the World Cup!

We sent an email last week detailing staffing changes. We will be really sad to say goodbye to Ms Di Nucci on Tuesday but we wish her much happiness in her life in Canada and thank her for all that she has done for Newnham Croft over the last two years. Please see the bottom of the newsletter and the website for current vacancies.

A reminder that the two 1/2 classes are now called 1/2N (Newnham) Miss Richards and 1/2C (Croft) Mr Goller.

Our new Reception children seem to be settling in extremely well and they are really enjoying the Wild Garden. We have received quite a few donations towards the project from colleges and parents for which we are very grateful. Similarly we have received some donations from parents for other projects, for example our new basketball nets and a new set of mini ipads, allowing us to have one ipad trolley in KS2 and one in R/KS1. If you wish to make a donation towards any of the current projects please see the attached NET leaflet and donor form.

Next week the assembly music will be Brahms Quintet for Clarinet and Strings in B Minor, Op. 115 3. Andantino – Presto.

Don't forget the coffee morning for new parents this Monday 15 September in the hall at 9.15am. Also meet the teacher on Friday 19 September 9-9.30am.

Followed by a Forest Schools for new parents from 9.30-11.30 am. Please sign up for this in the Reception classroom so we know how many people to expect.

On Thursday 25th September at 6pm there will be a parent workshop on the Early Years curriculum – focus on how reading/phonics and maths will be taught. This session will be repeated on Friday 26th at 9.15 am. Other new parents may wish to attend this if you are unfamiliar with the current teaching methods in the UK.

Home school agreement

Please find attached a copy of the Home School Agreement as a reminder.

NB Homework started this week,

Sending letters and money into school

Please remember to send these in with your child. If you prefer to drop them in the green letterbox by the front door please do so.

School Lunches

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. Please encourage your child to try our delicious lunches cooked by Ms Noble and her team. If you think you may be entitled to Pupil Premium please apply online http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools_and_learning/294/help_with_school_and_learning_costs/2 Pupil premium entitles your child to receive extra financial help at school. Next week will be week 2 of our menu.

Allergies

Children must not bring any food into school containing nut/sesame ingredients or kiwis. However many foods can contain traces of nuts and these cannot be avoided. To avoid allergic reactions, children should not share their packed lunches or snacks and birthday treats (no sweets please) sent into school should be discussed with the class teacher beforehand. Parents of children with severe food allergies may wish to provide an alternative healthy option to be kept in the classroom for when the rest of the class are sharing a birthday treat.

KS2 snacks – please send in fruit, vegetables or something healthy – not crisps or sweets!

PE Kit

Please remind your child to have a named PE kit in school at all times. This should include a T shirt, shorts or joggers and trainers.

Tour de France writing competition

Congratulations to the winners of this writing competitions Flora, Lily O, Alec, Izzy P, Sadie, John- Mark, Ezra and Amelie. Thank you to the judges and organisers Mr Keeble and Ms Pollet.

Goodbye from Ms Di Nucci

Dear Parents and Carers I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to everyone for the very warm wishes and support I have received over the past few days. It is with a mix of excitement and a heavy heart that I say goodbye to NC. I have enjoyed every moment of my time here and have always felt welcomed and part of the Newnham family! The staff, families and students here are an exceptional group and I will miss you dearly. Thank you. Carla

Parents and members of the community

We would be delighted to hear about any skills/expertise that you have and would like to share in school with the children. Please could you send a note into school with your child or email head@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk explaining what you could offer. It may be that you can arrange a visit

for the children to a historic building in Cambridge or that you can come into class and give a talk to the children about a particular subject or run a workshop on a particular skill. We know that we have a lot of talented parents with access to interesting work places and we want to maximize these opportunities and all that Cambridge has to offer! We would particularly value some support for our eco squad.

Charity money

Thank you for all your support of the children's efforts to raise money for charity last year:

Cancer Research £713.50

Arthur Rank £135.40

Oxfam £94.29

WWF £ 69.90

Project Wild Thing

You will remember how much the children enjoyed their Forest School sessions last 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>

Gardening Club

Not a 'show-stopper' but a decent 'starter for ten'.

The Garden Club has entered the mysterious world of the Open Horticultural Show. Elena one of our 2014 trio of Master Gardeners (with Distinction), masterminded the selection of five entries to compete at the Waterbeach and District Gardening Club 29th Annual Show. Three awards were made : 2nd Prize for a tray of seven French Jerusalem Artichokes 'Topinambour', Third Prize for 'Three Dahlia blooms of the same variety' and a Highly Commended for a tray of six pods of Borlotti Beans. The entry for the 'Longest Runner Bean' was beaten by 4mm and the 'Vase of Mixed Dahlias' was not placed. Elena and her mother came to afternoon display and were interested to appreciate the subtleties and conventions of selection and arrangement of exhibits. Next year the aim is to increase the number and range of entries and to gain a First Prize!!!

PTA School Kit

There has been a delay from the supplier so some kit orders will not be completed before next week.

Shop online to raise money for Newnham Croft Primary School PTA, Cambridge!

Newnham Croft Primary School PTA, Cambridge has just registered with Easyfundraising so that we can benefit from our supporters shopping online! Over £5 million is generated annually by leading UK good cause shopping website easyfundraising.org.uk for over 50,000 causes just like Newnham Croft Primary School PTA.

Newnham Croft Primary School PTA earns the cash donations when people register to support us and shop online through the site. It's a really simple process, all you have to do is:

- Register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- When you're asked to choose your cause, select Newnham Croft Primary School PTA, Cambridge.
- Get shopping - it couldn't be easier!

There are over 2,700 online retailers available, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco and all will give a small percentage of what's been spent back to Newnham Croft Primary School PTA to say thank you for shopping with them.

Please consider using this easy way of raising money for our school and spread the word to friends and family!

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

New parents coffee morning 9.15am	15 Sept
Reception parents lunch 11.30am	15 Sept
Y6 swimming	16 Sept
Meet the teacher 9am	19 Sept
Forest Schools parent workshop 9.30am	19 Sept

TWO CATERING ASSISTANTS

Part time/salary depending on experience (38 weeks per annum)
Required from October 2014

We are committed to the safe-guarding and welfare of all children, and this appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check. Visits to our school are warmly welcomed.

We require Catering Assistants to help prepare and cook food and beverages in our school kitchen under the supervision of our Catering Manager. Other duties include:

- * Serving pupils
- * Cleaning of kitchen equipment and tables
- * Occasionally assisting with functions at the school outside of normal working hours
- * Attending training or meetings as required.

Experience is desirable but not essential as training will be provided, but an interest in cooking and a willingness to learn, be part of a team and take responsibility is vital. There will be opportunities to deputise for the catering manager.

Application forms and further details are available from Mrs Helen Bracey in the school office.

Closing date: 19/09/14 Interviews: 25/09/14

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

Newnham Nursery - places in September 2014

We are a small community pre-school nursery for 2 ½ – 5 year olds. We run our sessions from our setting within Newnham Croft Primary School. We offer a friendly, caring and safe environment for children to play, discover and learn. Our sessions run for 3 hours a day from 9am - 12pm on weekdays during term time. Funding is available for children over 3 years. Non funded fees are £5.50 per hour.

Please email Susan at office@newnhamnursery.co.uk.

Saturday fun for Newnham children

The Newnham Croft Sports & Social Club in Hardwick Street is open to local children aged 7 and upwards this Saturday from 2.30-5.30pm for ping ping, pool, board-games, music and hanging out with friends. The bar will be open for soft-drinks and snacks. Parents are not invited to stay (!), although we need a couple of adults to be there in the shadows throughout (please do get in touch to volunteer for a shift). Please give your children some money to spend at the bar and for playing pool (40p/session) and perhaps get them to bring along a favourite board game. This may become a regular event, so do try to support this trial session. For more details contact Tiffany on tiffanybown@gmail.com.

Newnham Runners

Your local friendly Tuesday evening running group, Newnham Runners, has just expanded to Saturday mornings too. We always welcome new faces so if you're interested in either walking, jogging or running then please contact us on facebook at 'newnham runners' or by email to newnhamrunning@outlook.com.

Messy Church at St Marks - Tuesday 16 September

The first Messy Church of the new term, with lots of opportunity to get messy! We'll be grinding wheat to make flour, making bread rolls and getting stuck in with..sticking and gluing a big harvest picture.

Join us after school on Tuesday for tea and biscuits followed by a bible story before we start on the crafts. After a family prayer time we'll head to the Community Centre to enjoy a meal together...with pudding! There's no charge: donations are welcome. Contact Anne Strauss (childrensworker@stmarksnewnham.org) or just come along on Tuesday.

Would you like your child to learn French?

La Jolie Ronde lessons are held over lunch time from 12 til 12.30 and from 12.30 til 1pm on Wednesdays.

Classes will start next week, Wednesday 17 September and cost £53.90 for this term (11 lessons).

Once again local activity, La Jolie Ronde Languages for Children has been crowned

Best National Activity for 5-12 year olds in the prestigious national children's awards "What's On 4 Juniors 2014". The La Jolie Ronde methodology of language teaching includes immersion in French from the very beginning, lots of repetition from week to week introducing the target language through fun games, songs and activities. My classes are designed to encourage a positive approach to language learning and emphasis isn't on reading and writing the language but on speaking and repetition, therefore the children are much more happy, relaxed and better at imitating sounds and pronunciation. Places are limited; if you would like your child to do a taster session, please contact me! Jennifer Norie jenniferdurville@gmail.com 01223 208737

Guitar and Ukelele lessons

I would like to let you know about the opportunity for your child to take lessons on either **Guitar** or **Ukelele** with me. These lessons are run by Cambridgeshire Music www.cambridgeshiremusic.org Follow the instructions on the website to register and pay for your child (or contact by phone 01480 373500). I teach both Acoustic guitar and Electric styles for Years 3-6 and Ukelele for Year 1 and above. I teach Grades exams 1-8. The lessons can also lead onto other Musical opportunities- for instance I am starting a Guitar Ensemble this year. Michael Anderson LLC(MTD)

Cambridgeshire Cycle Challenge

This year the Cambridgeshire Cycle Challenge will run from Monday 15 September to Sunday 12 October. The challenge is a fun and FREE web based competition to increase the uptake of cycling by encouraging more new people to cycle to work and spur on people who already cycle to do so more often. Anyone can take part as long as you work in Cambridgeshire by initially registering on the challenge website: www.cambscyclechallenge.pleasecycle.com

Cambridge University Open Day with Abu Bakr Masjid (Mosque), Mawson Road, Cambridge

Cambridge University organises their Open Cambridge event as an annual festival every year. Abu Bakr Masjid is also taking part. Muslim Education and Outreach Cambridge are organising this Open Day with the University on Saturday 13th September 2014 from 10 am to 5 pm. All the communities of Cambridge are welcome in the Masjid to learn about Islam, Muslims and Masjid life. We all know how important it is to convey the true message of Islam as there are so many misunderstandings and myths that exist. There will also be refreshments, kids activities, as well as discussions with visitors about Islam. No need to book, just turn up!