



# Newnham News

Friday 11 January 2019

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

## Attachments

- NSPCC school visit letter to parents
- History Programme

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

### Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a happy winter break and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We are very excited about the song created by Year 3 for the 'Sing for Your School' competition, which is now online with the other entrants. Please see below for instructions how to listen to the song called 'There are no sheep on Sheep's Green' and vote for it! It would be wonderful if our Year 3 had enough votes to sing in the final concert at the Corn Exchange – please tell your family and friends about it!! Many thanks to Mrs Onatskaia and Mrs Palmer for supporting the children with the project and the PTA for funding it.

Don't forget to sign your child up for the Before School club! We need 8 children every day to make it viable.

Our greetings for the next couple of weeks will be in English, whilst we decide on the next language.

The assembly music this week was Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Winter; next week it will be Haydn's Cello Concerto No 2 in D Major.

### Wet Weather Clothing

Please remind your child to bring a water proof coat to school everyday – we go outside whatever the weather. If the field is very muddy, children will need to wear wellington boots to play on the grass during break times. If your child wears wellies to school please make sure they have a change of shoes in school as wellies are for outdoor use only.

### Protective Behaviours

In Tuesday's assembly we watched a short video on Protective Behaviours (see link below), which aims to encourage children to listen to their intuition/inner voice when they are scared or feel uncomfortable. We talked about how to act in those situations - telling someone to stop, or finding a trusted adult to tell - and the difference between fun-scared (roller-coaster, water slide) and frightened-scared. If you would like to watch the video and discuss it with your child, the link is below.

<https://www.protectivebehaviours.org/what-does-protective-behaviours-mean>

### Safety on Chedworth Street

Please ensure your children walk on the pavements not in the road! Please do not park on the junction under any circumstances – the yellow lines have faded but there are double yellow lines on the junction.

## NSPCC School Visit

We will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme on 16 January 2019. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to all children in our school as well as workshops for Years 5 and 6 (please see the attached information).

## Wild Garden

Now that the Reception children play on the main playground during lunchtime, other classes take it in turns to have a session in the wild garden. On Mondays it is Year 4's turn and as you can see from the photos below there was much creative and collaborative play! This delicious looking mud cake was made by seven Year 4 children (Paolo, Jack, Leo, Gabriel, Raf, Yaara and Adam) during their lunchtime session in the wild garden! During the same session four children made a diesel sheep out of wood blocks (William, George, Os, Xander and Adam YP).



## Please vote for the Year 3 song!

The chart is now live, and the link is:

<https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/special-features/vote-your-favourite-track-online-15645913>

- The link will take you to the page where the chart is stored on the Cambridge News website (Cambridgeshire Live)
- On the page, there is an article about the project and competition, the chart itself + link to the voting form
- The songs should appear under the following heading: 'Listen to their songs below'
- If for any reason the songs do not appear under this heading (most likely because some browsers are not compatible with the chart software), Cambridge News have added an additional link which can be followed just below the first:
- 'If you're having any issue seeing this link, click here'
- Listen to all of the Sing For Your School songs on the chart
- To vote, look for the link further down the article to the online form:

- 'Each song is listed in a Google form – click here to cast your vote'
- **Please note that the chart will close on 1st February.**

### Balanceability for Reception Class



This week reception have started a six week balanceability course. Lisa Wolf from the Cambridge sports partnership will be coming in to teach the children bike safety, coordination and balancing skills.

### Year 6 Parents

There will be an information meeting about the end of KS2 statutory assessments on Tuesday 15 January at 3.20 pm in the Year 6 classroom.

### For Your Diary

Diary dates for the term include: an open afternoon at 2-3 pm R/KS1 and 3.30-4.30 pm KS2 on Tuesday 26 February (when your child will be able to share their learning with you) and the teacher/parent consultations will be on Thursday 28 February from 4-6.30pm and on Friday 1 March from 1.30-4pm. World Book Day will be celebrated by the whole school on 7 March and Safer Internet Day will be the subject of our assembly on Tuesday 5 February.

A highlight this term is Science week, which takes place in March. More details on this will follow, including links to activities in and around Cambridge. If this is your area of expertise and you would like to get involved, please do get in touch with Mr Pinnock, Mr Goller (science subject leaders) or your child's class teacher. We have a science morning planned for the 14 March when the children will work with other children from all classes on science experiments.

### No More Boys and Girls

Year 4, 5 and 6 watched the two BBC programmes with their parents at the end of last term and had some very interesting discussions. In assembly this week we shared some of the main points with the rest of the school and then each class had a chance to think about actions for the following:

- Boys' attendance at choir and dance club
- Football at break times
- Casting for school plays
- Polite challenge of each other and staff to support everyone to avoid gender stereo typing.

### Please help boost the school budget!

This term staff and governors will be working on the new school budget and as many of you will know Cambridgeshire has almost the lowest funding per child in the country. **One of the ways we can increase our funding is through pupil premium.** All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to free school meals but pupil premium is different and has to be applied for; it supports families on low income and can be used for example to pay for music lessons, residential and day visits, 1:1 tuition. If you want to find out if you are eligible you can contact the Education Welfare Benefits Team for information about the benefits which support children financially while at school on 01223 703200 or email [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). You do not need to reapply if you are already receiving pupil premium. Even if your circumstances change the funding will continue to support your children for 6 years.

**Your rights** All children who are at school under 19 at the start of the academic year (4 September 2015) and are claiming or have parents who are claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but who are not entitled to working tax credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Tax Credit

If you are receiving any of the eligible benefits listed above you can apply online for free school meals

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

If you are not sure if you are entitled to Pupil Premium just telephone 01223 703200. The only information you need is your National Insurance number, date of birth and family name.

### Please sign this petition to the government for increased school funding:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

### Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer?

If so, now is a great time to start your fostering journey as Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service is currently recruiting carers to a wide range of rewarding roles. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who could provide a home to a teenager in care and offer them the help and support they need. To find out more about how you can make a difference, call today on 0800 052 0078 or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)

### Can you help to save Maintained Nursery Schools in Cambridgeshire and across the Country?

Please can you lend your support to the Save our Maintained Nursery Schools campaign whose current funding levels are only guaranteed until March 2020. You can help by signing the petition at reception by January 11th 2019. You could also get

your children to do a picture on the poster provided, and display it in your windows, in order to raise awareness of this very important issue for the future of our children. The Maintained Nursery Schools affected in Cambridgeshire are:- Brunswick and Colleges Nursery Federation, The Fields, Homerton Early Years Centre, Histon Early Years Centre and Huntingdon Nursery School, all of which provide Good or Outstanding Education for our youngest children as well as training for teachers and Early Years practitioners across the Early Years Sector.

### Library Books

Thank you for all the recent donations of second hand books. At the moment we particularly welcome up to date non-fiction books for our library.

### Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Newnham Croft? There are over 3,000 shops and sites ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Newnham Croft no extra cost whatsoever. Please spread the word to grandparents and others - especially in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your support. Head to easyfundraising and join for free.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/newnhamcroftpta/>

### School Meals

The school lunch menu for the next week will be Week 2. **From January 2019 the price of a school meal is rising to £2.40.** Please remember to pay for school meals in advance. Please also pay any outstanding lunch money before the start of next term. The first week back will be Week 2.

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](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk)

PTA website: <http://www.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

### Diary Dates

Y6 statutory assessment meeting for parents 3.20pm..... 15 Jan  
NSPCC assembly and workshops ..... 16 Jan  
PTA social at The Red Bull 8pm ..... 16 Jan  
Y5 & 6 to Cambridge Science Centre..... 17 Jan  
Y3 Forest School am..... 18 Jan  
Y5 Forest School pm ..... 18 Jan

### Community News

#### MESSY CHURCH AT ST MARK'S CHURCH

For the first three months of 2019, Messy Church will take place at St Mark's on the fourth Tuesday of the month. There

is no Messy Church in April and then we will go back to the third Tuesday in each month after Easter.

Dates are: 22nd January, 26th February, 26th March, 21st May, 18th June, 16th July.

We start after school from 3.30pm with refreshments, toys, craft, activities, stories and songs in church and then serve a hot meal at 5pm in the Community Centre. It is free and all are welcome. For more information please go to <https://stmarksnewnham.org/children/> or email [rachelrosborough@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelrosborough@hotmail.com).

**Cambridge History for Schools weekend workshops** – see programme and letter attached.

### KAPLA wooden construction after school club

We are delighted to offer a one-off KAPLA after school club in Newnham Croft.

**Date:** Friday 18th January 2019

**Time:** 3.15pm- 5pm

**Cost:** £7 per child

These workshops are suitable for children age 4 -11. They will be working together in different age groups to build the most wonderful



creations: palaces, bridges, animals, futuristic towers and much more... Your children will experiment with physics by building different structures with the planks and learn about geometry by making their own geometric patterns. They will have fun, will use their imagination and work on life skills such as team work, perseverance, logical thinking and concentration. They will step back and be so proud of what they achieved!

**Book a space now! Places are limited and bookings are compulsory. Bookings and enquiries:** Jennifer Norie [kaplaclubs@gmail.com](mailto:kaplaclubs@gmail.com) [www.kaplaclubs.co.uk](http://www.kaplaclubs.co.uk)

### PTA News

Happy New Year!

After such fantastic support at all our events last term, we are looking forward to the social, film night, pancake day celebrations and much-anticipated annual quiz night this term! The PTA's new noticeboard is looking lovely in the car park by the gates and cycle parking area - make sure you have a look from next week as you go past as we are going to be updating this with the latest PTA news and events regularly! Thank you to Mr Jach for building us a fantastic structure over the holidays to fit our specifications!

#### Next events:

Wednesday 16th Jan - social for parents - look at Classlist and our new PTA noticeboard next week for more details

Friday 1st Feb - children's film night

Monday 4th March - Pancake day - school playground after school

Friday 8th March - quiz night - school hall