



# Newnham News

Friday 4 September 2015

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

## Attachments:

- Home School Agreement
- NET
- Breakfast Club

## 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 during the first few weeks of term.

Next week the assembly music will be Mozart's Oboe Concerto in C Major.

## Changes!

During the holidays much work has been completed in school and we are very grateful to Mr Jach for overseeing all the projects as well as the usual holiday jobs.

Many of you will have seen and admired our new foyer. The entrance is now much lighter and more spacious. Huge thanks to Delphine Dryer, a parent, who designed the new foyer and offices.

The KS2 girls' toilets have been refurbished. The corridor with the fish tank has been painted, as have the walls in the Wild Garden. We have a new liner in our pond in the Wildlife area and a bridge for pond dipping!

The library continues to develop and we have *Once Upon a Time* written on the walls in 22 different languages – why not see which ones you can recognise? Thank you to Bridget Norton and Jessica Granger Keeble, both parents, for their continued input. **If you have time at the beginning or the end of the school day we would love to have some volunteers on a rota to assist the children with issuing books in the library.**

On a similar note we are really lucky to have such supportive parents – designing office space, the library and all the day to day help in school. Last year we also had some very generous donations via NET (Newnham Education Trust), leaflet attached, including £3000 towards books for the library and £4000, specifically to buy in expertise – this will enable us to continue with Forest schools taught by Mrs Bicknell and have a gardener to care for the plants in the Wild garden and plant some new shrubs in the main playground and by the entrance. Donations of any size are always welcome and it is great when parents have a particular interest for the use of the money. So thank you to everyone who has been so generous with their money or their time; it has had a huge impact on the school and benefits the children and the school community enormously.

**There will be a coffee morning for new parents on Monday 14 September in the hall at 9 am. Meet the teacher (not for Reception parents) will be on Thursday 17 September 9-9.30 am.** This is a chance to meet your child's teacher if you have not already done so and hear useful information about the year ahead. You will also receive a curriculum newsletter and a topic web. The Forest Schools workshop for new parents will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 9-11.30 am. Please sign up for this in the Reception classroom so we know how many people to expect.

On **Tuesday 22 September** (please note change of date) at 6pm there will be a parent/carer workshop on the Early Years curriculum, focussing on how reading/phonics and maths will be taught. This session will be repeated on Thursday 24 September at 9.15 am.

## Collecting Children at the End of the School Day

Reception and Key Stage 1 children finish school at 3.10 pm, and Key Stage 2 at 3.15 pm.

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 must be accompanied home by an adult. *Please be aware that it is assumed that children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to go home unaccompanied, but not Years 3 and 4 unless we have been notified by parents.*

Parents can collect their children from the playground, and a teacher is on duty at the gate until 3.25 pm to ensure that children do not leave unaccompanied, unless they have permission to do so. At 3.25 pm a bell is rung to vacate the playground, after which the gate is locked. Please leave promptly to allow staff to continue with their duties after school.

## Home School Agreement

Please find attached a copy of the Home School Agreement as a reminder - you do not need to complete this again. NB Homework will start next 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.

## New Breakfast Club

Cambridge United FC is offering a multi sports breakfast club from 7.40 am until 8.40 am each morning beginning on Monday 14 September. Flyer attached.

## 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 our catering 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](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

## 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 pack 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

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

Newnham Croft Primary School PTA, Cambridge is 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk)  
PTA website: <http://www.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours sincerely

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Reception in R/I parents lunch 11.30am .....	11 Sept
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 9.00am.....	19 Sept
Early Years curriculum workshop 6pm .....	22 Sept
Early Years curriculum workshop 9.15am .....	24 Sept