

Newnham Junior School



11th September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

We hope you and your families are well.

The teachers have really enjoyed their first full week of teaching and have been full of praise for your children. They've been really impressed by their behaviour and the way they have adapted to coming back to school after being at home for so long. From walking around the classes and seeing them on the playground, we can really see how happy they are to be back amongst their friends. Though there will inevitably be a few gaps in their knowledge, it is testament to the hard work many of you put in at home that the children are coping magnificently with the academic side of school. Children love to play but they also love to learn and this wouldn't be the case without your support for their schooling.

We can also see that the drop off and pick up times have been going much more smoothly. We know it is not easy for parents/carers to move back a few centimetres behind a yellow line, or to wait three more minutes before entering the school, but we hope that you realise that this is for the safety of your children and the staff teaching them. Almost all of you are keeping to the times and are observing the rules which has helped things run so smoothly – thank you.

We would like to take this opportunity to advise you that Mrs Patel has joined our Teaching Assistant Team to replace Mrs Palmer who resigned during the holidays and an updated staffing structure for this year is shown below:-

YEAR 3 TEACHERS		
3LM (Badgers)	3S (Woodpeckers)	3W (Otters)
Mrs Miles (Mon, Tues & Wed AM) Mrs Lovelock (Wed PM, Thurs & Fri)	Mrs Shah	Miss Wilson
YEAR 3 TEACHING ASSISTANTS		
Miss Ewen, Mrs Morgan & Mrs Zahir		
YEAR 4 TEACHERS		
4K (Class 1)	4CH (Class 2)	4HU (Class 3)
Mr Kent	Ms Curtis (Mon, Tues & Wed AM) Mrs Horn (Wed PM, Thurs & Fri)	Mrs Ullah (Mon, Tues & Wed AM) Ms Hunjan (Wed PM, Thurs & Fri)
YEAR 4 TEACHING ASSISTANTS		
Mrs Aslam, Miss Dyer, Ms Fetherstonhaugh & Mrs Lankester		
YEAR 5 TEACHERS		
5B (4K)	5C (4S)	5N (4HU)
Miss Barnes	Mrs Castle	Mrs Nuth
YEAR 5 TEACHING ASSISTANTS		
Mrs Kemp, Mrs O'Kelly & Mrs Patel		
YEAR 6 TEACHERS		
6A (5N)	6NW (5C)	6S (5B)
Mr Allerton	Mr Wilkey & Mrs Nahal	Mrs Saunders
YEAR 6 TEACHING ASSISTANTS		
Mrs Fuge, Mrs Connelly & Mrs Richards		

CLUBS – Clubs will be running again this term for individual year groups and further information will follow shortly. All paid clubs will be paid for via the School Gateway on a first come, first served basis and please ensure you have this set up correctly to avoid missing out.

The following dates have been fixed for this half-term and further details relevant to your child will be provided shortly.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 18 th	Jeans for Genes Non Uniform Day. Your child can wear non-uniform and jeans/blue trousers and bring in a cash for this charity.	
Monday 28 th	Year 3 Meet The Teacher session	2 – 5pm
Tuesday 29 th	Year 3 Meet The Teacher session	3.30 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 30 th	Year 4 Meet The Teacher session	2 – 5pm
OCTOBER		
Thursday 1 st	Year 4 Meet The Teacher session	3.30 – 6.30pm
Monday 5 th	Year 5 Meet The Teacher session	2 – 5pm
Tuesday 6 th	Year 5 Meet The Teacher session	3.30 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 7 th	FONJSA meeting – here	7pm
Friday 9 th	Christmas card artwork to be sent home	
Monday 12 th	Year 6 Meet The Teacher session	2 – 5pm
Tuesday 13 th	Year 6 Meet The Teacher session	3.30 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 th	Year 5 trip to Mount Fitchet Castle	Back at 4pm
Wednesday 21 st	Year 3 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Back at 4.30pm
26 th – 30 th	Half-term	
NOVEMBER		
Monday 2 nd	Training Day – school closed	
Tuesday 3 rd	School restarts	
Wednesday 4 th	Deadline to order Christmas cards online	

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS – Details attached.

At the start of the new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following:-

SINGLE USE PLASTICS - The School Council would like our school to be a single use plastic environment and hope you understand the reasons why. This means that plastic bottles that can only be used once and plastic carrier bags are not permitted in school and please give your child a reusable lunchbox instead of a bag for life.

WATER BOTTLES - Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

PREPARATION – Before leaving home to come to school in the morning, please ensure that your child has everything they need for the school day i.e. homework, lunch box and water bottle, coats, jumpers/cardigans, glasses etc. Our School Office is very busy and we cannot guarantee that any items subsequently brought in will be given to your child in time for when they are required.

UNIFORM – Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart and please ensure that all clothing brought to school is clearly named to enable us to return it to you. Children should now be wearing their Autumn uniform (no summer dresses please) and only grey (not black) trousers. Haircuts should not be below a number 2.

RIDING A BIKE OR SCOOTER TO SCHOOL – If your child will be riding a bike or scooter to school, please email office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk and we will send you an Agreement Form for completion and return. Your child will then be given a sticker to put on their bike or scooter to show they have agreed to comply with our rules. Anyone without a school sticker will not be permitted to bring a bike or scooter to school.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL – Any children arriving late should be accompanied through our main car park to the School Office.

END OF DAY PROCEDURES - We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents, carers and children about the procedures for going home at the end of the day. These procedures work well if followed and the children are regularly reminded of the above in school. We would be grateful if these messages could also be reinforced at home. Thank you.

1. Children are sent out to the playground by their class teacher. If whoever is collecting your child is not in the playground, the children are advised to wait with the member of staff on duty (usually a member of the Leadership Team) and, if they are not subsequently collected, they will be taken back in to the School Office.
2. If you know you are going to be late, please telephone the School Office on 020 3745 6216 **by 3pm at the latest**. We will then ensure that your child does not go into the playground but waits for you in reception.
3. If you see someone else's child in the playground that hasn't yet been collected, please do not take them from the playground (even if you know the parent) as this can cause distress for the child, whoever was meant to be collecting them and for us in establishing their whereabouts. In these circumstances, the child should return to the School Office.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS – We are receiving a number of messages letting us know who is collecting your child after school. Unlike the Infant & Nursery School your child is not “handed over” at the end of the day and, as long as your child knows who is collecting them, there is no need to inform us. Of course if the arrangements change during the day please let us know.

PERMISSION TO WALK HOME ALONE - If you are happy for your child to walk home on their own after school (including after Clubs), please email office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk to enable us to update our records. This permission will remain in force for the remainder of your child's time at Newnham.

PARKING – We would like to thank those of you who are leaving cars at home or parking away from Newnham Avenue. This really does help to ease congestion and make the Avenue safer for everyone. If you do have to use your car, please remember that a voluntary one way system operates - coming in from Sunningdale Avenue through to Woodlands Avenue. Again, this arrangement is for the safety of everyone.

We would ask you not to park on the corners of the road and to have courtesy for our neighbours by not parking across their driveways in any of the surrounding roads. If you have a parking permit, please ensure that you park considerately (including not parking in the middle of a two car bay). We really do appreciate your co-operation.

There are CCTV cameras outside the school to support improvements in road safety for children. Motorists who are recorded parking or stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school will receive a fine.

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER – Due to social distancing, it will not be possible for you to have a detailed discussion on the playground either before or after school and please email the School Office on office@mail.newnhamjun.org.uk or telephone 020 3745 6216.

MOBILE PHONES - Year 6 children may bring a mobile phone to school if they walk home unaccompanied, however written consent must be provided from their parents/carers beforehand. The phone must be switched off at the school gates and handed in to their teacher at the start of school. Phones will be returned at the end of the day and should not be switched on whilst on the school premises. The school cannot take responsibility for any phones not handed in to a teacher.

SCHOOL POLICIES – Available on our website www.newnham-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk under the Statutory Information heading. The Positive Behaviour, Anti-Bullying and Attendance Policies are being sent to you separately and please can we draw your attention to the following, taken from our Attendance Policy:-

- **Religious Observance** - No absences, including religious observance, can be authorised retrospectively. If you know that your child will be absent from school due to a religious festival, we still require you to seek permission beforehand in writing to enable this absence to be authorised and please remember that we can only authorise one day for each religious occasion.
- **Entrance Exams** - If your child will be sitting any school entrance exams, all requests for absence must be put in writing beforehand with supporting evidence and we can only authorise half a day for each exam.

HOLIDAY DATES – Attached for your information.

THE PANTRY – Despite the earlier teething problems, we hope that the transition to The Pantry has been a smooth one and that you are now familiar with their website for ordering meals. Please note that if your child is absent from school on a day when you have previously ordered a meal, you will need to cancel the meal before 9am otherwise you will still be charged.

FRIENDS OF NEWNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (FONJSA) - Thank you to all members of FONJSA who worked extremely hard last year in difficult circumstances. Despite not being able to run many of their usual events, FONJSA are looking at alternative ways to raise funds for our school and details will follow shortly. Their next meeting is taking place at 7pm on Wednesday 7th October and please email fonjsa@gmail.com for more information.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION – Please see attached.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Nahal
Co-Headteacher



Mr N Wilkey
Co-Headteacher