



Newnham News

Friday 10 March 2017

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Antibullying Policy
- Leys competition
- PTA – why you should get involved

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Thank you to everyone who booked in for a parent/teacher consultation this week, we hope that you found the meeting useful and have gained a good insight into your child's progress this term. If you were unable to come into school this week please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment.

This half term we are using Makaton for our greetings.

Hello	
Good morning	
Goodbye	

Next week the assembly music will be Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 4.

Parent Governor Election

Three self nomination papers have been returned for this election therefore a Notice of Poll will be issued on Monday when the ballot paper and personal statements from each candidate will be sent to parents. Ballot papers should be returned no later than 21 March.

Travelling by Tuba

Today the whole school was treated to a wonderful performance of instruments from around the world from Travelling by Tuba. There were instruments from every continent, including Tibetan dungs, African kudos and Australian didgeridus. The children participated throughout and had great fun. Thank you to Cambridgeshire Music Hub for organising this event and to Stewart and Chris for their enthusiastic and entertaining performance.

Cambridge Literary Festival

Today your child will have brought home a Cambridge Literary Festival programme. Seeing an author talk about their book is a fantastic way to stimulate enthusiasm for reading! The festival takes place 18-23 April at venues in central Cambridge. Tickets for pupils are between £6 and £8. For further information visit: www.cambridgeliteraryfestival.com.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017

We welcome any vouchers you collect and they will be used for new cooking and sports equipment. Vouchers are given when you shop in stores and online – please put them in the box in the foyer. The scheme is running until 30 June 2017. Thank you for your support.

Kwik Sticks Hockey

On Thursday two teams went to a hockey tournament at the Abbey Leisure Centre. Team 2 won 4 games and lost 1 and overall came 4th. Team 1 won 4 and lost 1 and came 2nd. Overall all of the players played really well. *Elena*

Anti-bullying Policy

Please find attached to the newsletter our updated Anti bullying policy which can also be found on the school website.

Information Meeting for Year 2 Parents and Carers

Mr Goller, Miss Garrison and I will explain the Year 2 statutory assessment process on Tuesday 21 March at 9 am in the school hall. Please put the date in your diary. If you are unable to attend the meeting you will be able to view the presentation on the school website and staff will be happy to answer any questions.

Free Event for Parents

NHS Physio and Occupational therapist will be presenting information about dyspraxia/developmental co-ordination disorder (DCD) to help parents and carers develop an understanding of the condition and provide strategies to help. Thursday 16 March 9.30 12 noon Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 9NL. Book online:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/homepage/47/sendiass>

Science Week

This year, National Science and Engineering Week will be from 10–19 March (<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/>) and the Cambridge University Science Festival will be from 13–26 March. The festival is offering a number of family events and classes, including two free family fun days (programmes available online and some hard copies in the foyer). At school during the week all classes will be investigating a range of science topics. We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to come in to give a talk or run a workshop. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help in class on our Science day Friday 17 March. www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk

Year 3 and 4 Play

We are looking forward to Year 3 and 4's production of the Jungle Book next week. Your children (Year 3 & 4) will have brought tickets home today. There are several tickets left for the performance on Wednesday morning – please email Mrs Bracey in the office if you would like Wednesday tickets office@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk.

Healthy Selfies

As part of our healthy school ethos we are inviting pupils to bring in a healthy selfie of themselves engaged in a sporting out-of-school activity. The photos will be displayed on a board in the school hall alongside selfies of school staff. Miss Wakelen is looking forward to receiving your pics!

Hebrew Assembly



On Wednesday there was an assembly by the Hebrew club, which has been meeting each week since the beginning of the school year. The children read a story about a lion and sang a song in Hebrew and Arabic, with some adventurous members of the audience joining in as it got faster and faster. Thank you to Dr Artman Partock, the Hebrew club leader.

Fairtrade Fortnight

This week has been the second week of the national campaign 'Fairtrade Fortnight'. However hard farmers work to provide the things we depend on, millions of farmers in developing countries aren't paid what they deserve. It's not a new problem. We want to change the way people think about trade and the products on our shelves. This week the children had an assembly looking at the problems facing some farmers and how Fairtrade works in various places around the world. Children were encouraged to think about choices they make. The Leys School are holding a competition to design a Fairtrade chocolate bar wrapper. This is completely optional. Details can be found in the attachment with this email.



Nature Photography Competition

A reminder that the closing date for this competition is 27 March. Photographs can be taken anywhere but need to be of something related to the environment. Named entries should be submitted to the office. Good luck!

Gardening Club

This week we have done more digging, adding compost and mulch to the herbaceous border. The children have helped Alan plant snowdrops, in the green, in a new shade area that we are developing. They have also planted out young forget-me-nots. I hope you have had a chance to admire the display of bulbs in the front garden that the children planted in pots last autumn. There is also a lovely bed of violets to admire. The Gardening Club want to say a big thank you to the Rowe family who let us take spiderettes from their spider plant. Their daughter Elena planted a spiderette in Gardening Club a few years ago and she now has a thriving spider plant sending out spiderettes which our new young gardeners have been able to plant to take home to continue the tradition. Perhaps in a couple of years we will have



another mature plant sending out shoots that we can pass on to Newnham Croft children. I put the potted plants on a table near the school gate. They should have a label with a name, so I hope they find their owner and make it home! This is an indoor plant that can be grown on a windowsill. Veronica

PTA Update

Everyone should now have received an email invitation to join Classlist; please check your spam if you haven't seen it. Many apologies if you received duplicates or if any grandparents or emergency contacts received an invitation by mistake. Please let Kate Fry or Helen Bracey know if this is the case and we can make sure they don't get any more notices from Classlist.

We had a very jolly meeting at the Granta on Monday, and covered a lot of ground. Full minutes and more detailed updates will be circulated shortly. In the meantime the headlines are:

- The current **PTA officers are stepping down** at the end of this term after three years in post. Vacancies are available for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and all these roles can be shared or otherwise split by agreement. **Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting** which will be held at 9am in the school hall immediately after school drop off on **Friday 5th May**.
- We'd also like to encourage more parents to take part as **general members and volunteers**. Earn gratitude and glory by forming a team to **take on the Summer Fete** (set for 25th June), which otherwise may not take place this year! Lots of support will be available - see the attached note for a run down of why you should get involved and a description of the main roles available.
- The **Playground**. The PTA agreed to donate £10k immediately towards the development of the muddy mound area in the main playground and voted on their preferred contractor. Thanks to a very generous individual donation this means we now have enough to implement a first phase of the project, subject to approval from the Governors and agreement on details. We also committed to raise funds for the remaining cost of the project, which led onto a discussion of some fabulous new fundraising ideas. Huge thanks to Dani Redhead for all her hard work on this project so far.

School Meals

The school lunch menu next week will be Week 1.

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

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Years 3/4 dress rehearsal 1.30pm 14 Mar
Y5 swimming 15 Mar
Years 3/4 production 10 am 15 Mar
Years 3/4 production 6 pm 16 Mar
Science morning..... 17 Mar