



Newnham News

Friday 20 October 2017

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The first half term of the school year has flown by with lots of exciting learning opportunities including plenty of use of our beautiful grounds and local area. The new Reception children have settled into school life really well and are enjoying all their active learning and the wonderful wild garden. We hope you have a happy half term and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 30 October. **Please find attached to the newsletter diary dates for the rest of the school year.**

NB Don't forget the Festival of Ideas is on and has lots of free hands on activities for children – ideal home learning!
www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk

This week we had a real treat in assembly – three children played their instruments – Reuben, Year 6 and Eden, Year 5 played the piano and Isabel, Year 5 played the viola. Don't forget if your child would like to learn an instrument you can arrange for them to have lessons in school with Cambridgeshire Music cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Today in assembly Noa, Eva, Chloe, Nina, Esme, Edan, Autumn and Isabel from Year 5 with Veronica showed off the wonderful weaving they made from old clothes cut into strips. The themes were trees and the seasons and the design was inspired by paintings of trees by Monet, Cezanne and Mondrian. The project involved lots of hard work, sharing ideas and teamwork – well done to all the children involved and thank you to Veronica Spooner, Mrs Turner and Ms D'Oyly for all their support.

Current greetings are in German.

Hello	Hallo
Good morning	Guten Morgen
Good afternoon	Guten Tag
Goodbye	Auf Wiedersehen

After half term the assembly music will be Grieg's Peer Gynt, In the Hall of the Mountain King.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who came to the consultations this week. If you did not make an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher please do so after half term.

Litter

Whilst Year 4 and 5 were orienteering on Lammas Land on Thursday morning a member of the public spoke to one of our parent volunteers about litter. They recognised some of the children doing the orienteering as children who are dropping litter after school and at weekends on Lammas Land (they are not the only ones). Today in assembly the children were reminded to take their litter home or find a bin – please can you encourage them to do this wherever they are.

Wear It Wild

Yesterday in assembly the school learnt about why Wear It Wild day is important. They watched a film about what we need to do to help, which you can watch here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2A24Osp_2s&feature=youtu.be. Today children, and adults, in the school dressed as wild animals in order to promote an awareness of endangered species. Within classes children found out more about endangered animals through making posters, art, researching and writing. Thank you to all who donated money; we are pleased to announce that we have raised £167 for WWF.



Thank you to Mrs Turner for organising this event.

Healthy Eating!

Please find attached to the newsletter our new three weekly menu. You will notice we have reduced sweet puddings and increased the other options for the children. In Week 3 we have introduced Children's Choice on Wednesdays. In assembly this week Ms Noble and I explained to the children that this is their opportunity to suggest one of their favourite dishes for the school menu. Children need to write a persuasive letter to Ms Noble and put it in the box outside the kitchen; a suggestion will be chosen by Ms Noble and this will be put in the newsletter the week before. Year 6 have already written some excellent letters and they were able to tell the rest of the school that the letters need to be well presented and include reasons why the dish should be chosen e.g. health benefits. Dishes obviously need to be both practical and within a school budget! Do encourage your child to write to Ms Noble – this is a great opportunity for purposeful writing!

Along with trying to make our school lunches even healthier, we have reminded the children that break time snacks should not include any crisps or confectionary. Reception and KS1 are provided with fruit or vegetables which is an ideal healthy snack. Birthdays! Please do not send in birthday treats to share with the class – it is lovely to celebrate the children's birthday but with 34 children in some classes we are seeing a lot of sweets and cakes in school. We also have a number of children with food allergies. Birthdays will still be celebrated in school but not with food!

Playground

During half term the Blue Spruce tree by the gate will be taken down. We hope to place the logs at the bottom of the field for the children to play on. We don't like taking down trees and plan to continue planting them, but as mentioned in a previous

newsletter this particular tree is effecting access to the playground and the condition of the tarmac as well as blowing yellow pollen all over the place, including into lunches! We are thinking about providing some sort of canopy/shelter attached to the wall outside the kitchen to shelter parents from the rain at pickup time and the children from the sun at lunchtime.

Online Safety Parent Workshop

Thank you to those parents who came to our Online Safety workshop today. We hope you found it useful. For those of you not able to come you can find the presentation on our school website under Safeguarding. Attached to the newsletter are two useful documents: *Keeping your child safe online – a checklist for parents and carers* and *Keep safe from cyber-bullying*. There is plenty of information for all ages on CEOP's ThinkUknow website at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Later in the year we will be showing Year 5 and 6 the video clip 'Jigsaw' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8auwnltqE> created by CEOP for upper KS2 to show children how important it is to keep personal information private. Please do have a look at the material and if you have any concerns speak to your child's class teacher.

The Croft Plot Scarecrow

As part of our learning about where our food comes from, linked to the harvest assembly, R/I children have made a scarecrow which will take its place in the New Croft Plot. A big thank you to Mr Ellimouni for supplying our scarecrow with this very smart outfit!



Y4 Multiskills Festival

On Tuesday 17 October, Year 4 went to multiskills on Parker's Piece with St Pauls and St Matthews schools. We played lots of games including stuck in the mud, fishy fishy and colour bulldog. We also practised throwing a rugby ball and avoiding obstacles such as hurdles, horizontal ladders and cones to dribble around. We all had lots of fun and hope we get to go again next year. Owen, Y4

Y5 and 6 Tag Rugby

This week a team of 4 boys and 4 girls from Year 6 went to a tag rugby tournament at Coleridge School. We played four games and came fourth. We all had fun and enjoyed the experience. Orla Y6

Y5 and 6 Football

On Thursday 19 October, a team of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls went to a football tournament. It was held at Netherhall School and we had a girls' team (Year 5 and 6 mixed) and a boys' team (also Year 5 and 6 mixed). We each played 6 matches; 5 ordinary and 1 as the final. Before the finals, the girls were first. Overall, the girl's team came second and won silver medals. The boys played well but, in a difficult group, were not as successful. India Y6

Cross Country Run to Grantchester

On Monday 6th November, Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in a cross country run on Grantchester Meadows. In order for this event to take place we will require plenty of adults to marshal the runners, so the more helpers, the smoother the event will run. We will set off from school at approximately

10:15 and will return to school before the beginning of lunch at 12:15. If you are able to join us, please contact the school office or speak to either Mr Pinnock or Miss Holliday.

Orienteering

On Thursday 19 October, Year 4 and 5 went orienteering on Lamas Land. There were seven different courses to choose from, each slightly harder than the last. We used maps to guide our way through the course and computer chips to time us and tell us how accurate we were. We set the map by looking around for landmarks and objects before setting off. Many parents volunteered as marshals and we would like to thank them for giving their time. By Year 5

We had a wonderful turnout of parent volunteers for orienteering – thank you everyone for being so supportive.

Attached to the newsletter is a list of local orienteering events if your child likes orienteering.

Maths Workshop for Parents/Carers

For the last three years we have offered parents and carers the opportunity to come and learn about the calculation methods their children are using in school. On Friday 10 November at 1.45 pm we will be holding another workshop when Mr Ferguson will outline parts of our calculation guidance (which can be found on the school website under Policies - Mathematics) followed by the children exemplifying the methods used in their year group for solving problems and calculations utilising their understanding of place value - a key area for developing a secure understanding of number. Please put the date in your diary!

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the week beginning 30 October will be Week 1 of the new school menu.

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.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

School starts after half term	30 Oct
Y6 swimming	31 Oct
Deadline for pupil photo orders	31 Oct
Y3&4 to Fitzwilliam Museum	1 Nov
R&R/I Forest Schools am	3 Nov
Y3 Forest Schools pm	3 Nov
Y6 pop up Greek restaurant	3 Nov
PTA Firework Night	4 Nov

Community News

Fantastical Cambridge

Fantastical maps, images, words and games from creative projects with communities in Cambridgeshire. Michaelhouse Centre, Cambridge 16-28 October 2017. To find out more visit www.cambridgecandi.org.uk.