



Newnham News

Friday 27 May 2017

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Fundraising sponsorship form
- Fundraising ideas for children
- Drama workshop
- Creating with ipads workshop

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A sunny week to end this half term! We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 6 June**.

This week our KS2 boys' choir performed to the rest of the school – they were fantastic and we hope they have inspired other boys to join this Thursday lunchtime club run by Mrs Onatskaia and Mr Pinnock.

For the beginning of next half term our greetings will be in Lithuanian. They are pronounced phonetically.

Hello	Labas
Good morning	Labas rytas
Goodbye	Viso gero

During the first week after half term the music in assembly will be Prokofiev's Symphony No 1.

Staffing

We are sorry to tell you that, due to poor health, Miss Garrison will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has really enjoyed working at Newnham Croft and teaching her class. Miss Katrina Wilson will be joining the staff team in September. She is currently teaching a Year 2 class and has special interests in Art and English.

Class organisation for September 2017 will be:

Year 6 – Miss Holliday

Year 5 – Mr Pinnock

Year 4 – Miss Esteve Wagstaff

Year 3 – Mr Ferguson and Mrs Turner

Year 1/2 – Newnham (N) Miss Wilson

Year 1/2 – Croft (C) Mr Goller

R/I – Miss Mangera

Reception – Ms Wakelen

Children currently in Reception and Year 1 will be allocated to classes after half term and a letter will be sent to parents at the beginning of July. We aim to have balanced classes in terms of gender and learning needs; we also take into account friendship groups. Please do email the office by Monday 12 June if you have any concerns or information which might help staff with their decision making. All final decisions will be made by staff with the interests of the individual child and the cohort as a whole in mind.

Safety on Chedworth Street

Over the last two weeks quite a number of parents and carers have expressed concern for the safety of children walking and cycling to school. It seems that the Chedworth Street junction is becoming more and more congested and chaotic; some people are double parking cars which means

that pedestrians and cyclists cannot see if the road is clear when crossing. Please do not drive cars to school unless absolutely necessary and if you do have to, please park further away and walk to Chedworth Street.

KS2 snacks – please send in fruit, vegetables or something healthy – no crisps or sweets. Reception and KS1 are provided with a healthy snack for break.

Stained Glass Window

Martin Donlin came in to see the children's designs for our stained glass windows. He was very impressed with all the ideas and how vibrant and expressive each one was. The children enjoyed telling him about their ideas and all the thinking behind each design. The next step is for him to put together the ideas – not an easy task! After half term Martin will return to school and present the designs in an assembly.

Blood Donor Assembly

The NHS Blood and Transplant development team visited Newnham Croft this week to encourage children to ask their parents to donate blood. The children learnt that one bag of blood could save the lives of 12 babies or 7 children. It made us all think about the importance of this service and the need to donate.

Orienteering: Tuesday 27 June, Years 5 and 6 morning, Years 3 and 4 afternoon

Advance warning – to enable the children to take part in orienteering on Lammas Land we need lots and lots of adult helpers! Please inform your child's class teacher or the office if you can help. Please put the date in your diary and come and enjoy some orienteering with the children.

Museum of Computing

On Thursday and Friday, Year 3 and 4 visited the Museum of Computing. There were workshops that looked at the history of computing, using morse code to try to help the children understand the idea of binary language and using food stuffs and ourselves to form part of an electrical circuit. A really interesting visit.



Girls' Kwik Cricket

On Tuesday 23 May Year 5 and Year 6 went to Parker's Piece for a Kwik Cricket tournament. We took two teams – team blue and team red. Overall team red came third in the purple league and team blue came fourth in the yellow league. *Elena and Elke*

PTA Funding Request

The children were given an update on the playground project at today's assembly. A fantastic **£24,225 has been raised towards our £28,500 goal for the first phase of a new natural playground** for the muddy mound. The designers are working to incorporate the children's ideas and need to know our final budget by 12th June in order for work to take place over the summer. If your child would like to get involved in raising the remaining £4,200, a sponsorship form is attached to the newsletter. Participation is completely voluntary, and we'd encourage them to get creative about how they'd like to raise money – lots of different ideas were discussed at assembly. Please don't feel pressured to fundraise, but if children wanted to set a goal of even £5, we will put it to good use on the new play space! **Please return money and forms to school by 6 June.** If you would like to **fundraise as a family**, or your children want to reach out to friends and family further afield, we can now take donations online at:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/newnhameducationaltrust.net>. You can set up a fundraising page of your own or just donate directly. GiftAid can be claimed on eligible gifts made online, meaning even more goes to the project. If you have any questions about the playground fundraising, please see Karri Aston or Dani Redhead.

Eco News

The Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, which we have worked very closely with over the year, have just been awarded the Green Impact Excellence award by the University's Green Challenge. The assessors were impressed with how the university department have involved Newnham Croft through the biodiversity competition and the poster project. Mrs Turner, along with two students, have been invited to the Awards Ceremony. We are so proud to be part of it all.

Eco Picnic

Please put 15th June in your diary for this year's Eco Picnic. It will be held in the school grounds from 4:00pm-6:00pm. We are hoping that as many of the school community can make it as possible and will have our fingers crossed that we have better weather than last year! For those of you who are unfamiliar with the event, our Eco Picnic is our chance to show off our school grounds and focus on the incredible environmental work that we do. We encourage families to bring along a picnic to eat while enjoying the grounds. This year we hope to have lots of fun gardening activities, a den building activity in the wildlife area and eco art. More details to follow.

School Meals

Next half term the school lunch menu 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.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

PTA Summer Fete update



Work is already underway in preparation for the summer fete on **SUNDAY 26th JUNE!** Make sure you save the date. More information will follow after the half term break but to think about during the holidays...we need the following:

HAMPERS, HELPERS & HAND ME DOWNS!

Hampers - luxury non perishable food items. Wine, jams, chutneys, cookies etc. Each class will have a basket in the classroom after half term for you to leave your food items.

Helpers - the fete cannot go ahead without your help! Even just 30 minutes of your time is gratefully received. Watch out for the schedule after half term.

Hand me downs - pre loved good quality children's clothing and sports clothes and shoes are needed for our 'Pre-loved Stall'.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Diary Dates

Staff training day.....	5 June
Start of term.....	6 June
Y3 and Y4 swimming.....	7 June
Y5 to Caythorpe Court.....	7-9 June
Y3 forest schools.....	9 June

Community News

Drama Workshop

The Stephen Perse Senior School is delighted to be offering a Drama Workshop on Saturday 24 June to students that are currently in Years 4 and 5. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Creating with iPads Workshop

The Stephen Perse Foundation is offering some Art workshops for pupils in Year 5 & 6. The workshops will be run on consecutive Saturdays from 24 June – 8 July and are aimed to engage young people in making art using the iPad to record and respond to sculpture at the Fitzwilliam museum. The cost is £10 to cover packed lunches for the three days. All materials and equipment [including iPads] will be provided. This is a pilot study and would initially be open to 15 students on a first come, first served basis. Please see the attached flyer for details. Please sign up using the eventbrite website www.ipadscreativity.eventbrite.com using the password letmein.

Music Recital

Ross Hart, music teacher at Newnham Croft, is appearing in a recital at Michaelhouse Church (Trinity Street, opposite Caius College) on Saturday 3 June at 1.00pm. More details are available on the Cambridge Concert Calendar:

<http://www.cambridgeconcerts.com/concert-calendar/4544333221>

Entrance is free with a retiring collection for the Backup Trust (spinal injury charity), so if people are staying in Cambridge for half term this would be a wonderful opportunity for students to attend a concert featuring violin, piano, cello and also singers.