

# Newnham Junior School



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

I am delighted to report that Mrs Saunders gave birth yesterday to beautiful baby boy – Harry Arthur Saunders. To add to the exciting baby news, I am equally delighted to report that Mrs Nuth is pregnant and will begin her maternity leave in September.

**Year 4 Lunchtime Concert on Friday 26th April** - A huge round of applause to the ten children who entertained an audience of 50 with their super performances. It was a treat to see our budding pianists, violinists and ukulele players performing with such confidence and sparkle. We look forward to following your progress as you move up through the school.

**Spelling Bee** – On Thursday, Sripad and Sarah, from Y4, participated in the Ruislip and Northwood Spelling Bee. It was a high quality competition where all of the children sailed through round 1, spelling the Year 3 and 4 words with ease. A few competitors were eliminated in round 2 but most could spell the Year 5 and 6 words. Both Sarah and Sripad advanced to the final round which got progressively more challenging. Sripad, was the eventual winner as he was the only person who could spell his 14 letter word. What an achievement and congratulations to both Sarah and Sripad for representing the school so successfully.

**Cricket club – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May is cancelled**

**Dunkirk** - Year 6 children will be watching the Dunkirk Film on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May which is rated 12. If you do not want your child taking part, please contact the School Office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Relationships and Sex Education - What do we teach and why?** - As mentioned in last week's newsletter, please join us in the hall on **Tuesday 14th May at 2:15pm** to find out more about what we teach. There will be a chance for you to ask questions and share your views on how this should be covered in schools to help shape the future curriculum. The vast majority of these are statutory however please contact Ms Curtis if you wish to withdraw your child from the Year 6 lesson on how babies are made.

**Term Dates** - Please see below and further details will follow in due course. Any new items are shown in bold print

DATE	YEAR/ CLASS/ GROUP	DETAILS	TIME
<b>MAY</b>			
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Deadline to pay for Alternative School Journey</b>	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Deadline to complete Health &amp; Dietary form for School Journey</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Laser Tag	3.15 - 6.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6	SATS Week commences	
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Relationships and Sex Education - What do we teach and why (see above)</b>	<b>2.15pm</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All</b>	<b>The Pantry menu change - see attached</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey to PGL Beam House departs	9.30am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>		School finishes for half-term	3.15pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey returns	4pm

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<b>JUNE</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Training Day - school closed	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6	Girls Cricket Tournament at Harefield Cricket Club	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Class photographs	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6	District Sports competition	12.15pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6 6	Best Team Cricket at Uxbridge Cricket Club C team football tournament	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6	Trip to Chessington	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Payment deadline for FONJSA Family Fun Night	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Fun Night	6 - 8pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3 All	Pedestrian training at school Music for a Summer's Evening	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	Lower School Sports Morning Upper School Sports Afternoon	9 - 11.30am 1 - 3.15pm
<b>JULY</b>			
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6	Hillingdon Secondary schools transition day	All day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	Visit to Whipsnade	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Greek Day</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	End of term reports issued	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	5 All	Manor Farm visit Exhibition Evening	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5 6	Trip to Woburn Safari Park Production rehearsals Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall	All day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6 6	Production rehearsals - Winston Churchill Hall Performance at Winston Churchill Hall	All day 6.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA End of Term Disco	Finishes at 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 All	Leavers BBQ School finishes for the Summer holidays	12 noon 1.30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Training Day - school closed	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Training Day - school closed	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Training Day - school closed	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	School starts	8.45am

**Food Waste Update** - Please remember to only book a lunch if your child is going to eat it and to cancel the meal if your child is off school. You can cancel at The Pantry up to 9am each morning.

<b>Eco-Team Food Waste Update</b>	<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>THIS WEEK</b>
Junior meals ordered but not served	32	36

## **FONJSA news**

Laser Tag – There are still some spaces for Years 5 & 6 and the payment deadline is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

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## Community News

**May half term holiday activities** - Details are available on our website.

- Primary Sporting Development Funweeks – taking place at Newnham.
- Get Active May Half Term Holiday Camp
- St Lawrence Church, May Far on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Wilkey', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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