



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Heating closure

Thank you for your support over the heating and gas issues we experienced last week. The engineers seem to have fixed part of the issue, but we will continue to monitor this. Our apologies again for the inconvenience caused. As we were closed to most classes last Friday we will do double Stars of the Week this Friday and they will all appear in next week's newsletter.



Book Fair

The book fair will be in school during the second week in February. It will be open at the end of the school day outside by Seahorse class (opposite the Mitchell Walk gate). This year you can pay for your books online prior to collecting them from the fair itself.

We will send out information about some of the books available before the book fair arrives, a link for you to pay online and an instruction leaflet telling you how to pay. You will need to show proof of purchase before you can take the books from the fair. Please note that if it is raining we will unfortunately not be able to open the book fair for that day

Covid guidance changes

From Thursday 27th all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A. For schools there is little change except for compulsory mask wearing in communal areas. However, we will continue to support parents and staff who would prefer to maintain this when on site including at parent events (like assemblies or parents evening).



Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on **Thursday 10th February 2022**. Based on the feedback from last term we are continuing a mixture of face to face and Zoom appointments this time.

- 3.30 - 6.20pm will be for face-to-face appointments only.
- 6.30 - 7.30pm will be for zoom meetings only.
- All classes have a few additional sessions on other days, please note that these will all be zoom meetings.



How do I book an appointment?

Appointment bookings will open at 5 pm on Monday 31st.

You cannot book an appointment before this time. If you go onto Parentmail after this time the available appointments for your child's teacher will be shown. If you need any support or advice about this please contact the main office.

Can I see my child's books?

Yes. If you are attending a face-to-face appointment, your child's books will be available outside of the classroom for you to have a look at. If you are having a Zoom meeting, your child's books will be available after school on Wednesday 9th February. We look forward to seeing you.



Governor's update

Last week the Curriculum Committee of the Governing Body met. They discussed progress towards this year's priorities and reviewed our 3-year plan. Information about both of these is on our website using the link below

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Development&pid=77>

They also reviewed several policies including an update to our positive behaviour policy so peer on peer abuse is specifically referred to. The revised version of this can be found on the website in the parents tab/policies. Or you can click on the link below.



<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding+%26amp%3B+Behaviour&pid=89>

Later this term we will start work reviewing our anti bullying policy and approaches. This will involve children, staff & also parents. Further details about how to get involved will be sent out after half term.

Please contact the main office if you would prefer a paper copy of any of these documents.

Learning Tips

Helpful Advice

We are currently redeveloping parts of our website. This includes providing more information for parents on how to support their children's learning and development at home. We will be adding more information over the next few weeks including some of the learning tips from our newsletters.



To find out more, click the parents tab/home learning or follow the link below

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Useful+Links+For+Learning&pid=104>



Well-being Urgent Support Services

Worried about you or your child's mental health? Young people and their parents can get urgent support and advice from trained NHS mental health advisors' day or night. There is a free phone line for people in urgent need. The call is free and available every day.

0800 073 0066

You can find more information about other support services on our website in the parents' tab

<https://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health&pid=199>

E- Safety

**Tuesday 8th February is Safer Internet Day. The theme is:
All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships
online**



Safer Internet Day is on 8th February 2022. It's celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries, with thousands of young people joining in across the UK to explore how they can use the internet responsibly, respectfully, and creatively whilst making the most of their relationships online.

Attached to this email are details about how you can get involved.

We will also be sending you more information over the next two weeks.

Ms Woodward

Community, Wellbeing and Support

Youth Safety Issues of Concern Survey

Newham would like to hear from everyone – young people, adults, professionals and communities, as part of their commitment to listen to residents. The survey will help them support young people across our neighbourhoods, particularly regarding their safety. It is anonymous, only takes a few minutes to complete and will allow them to understand the changes you would like to see in your neighbourhood.



<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/068328a50a214067a23362e9c035805a>

Newham - Journey of a child

The Journey of a Child will help you navigate your way through the many activities and services available locally to support you and your family in Newham, and to ensure that your child or children are happy, healthy and ready to learn. It also has useful information for prospective mums and dads.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/journeyofachild>



Join the Newham Parents as Partners Network



- Are you a parent living in Newham?
- Interested in becoming a Parent Champion trained by the council to signpost local parents to services?

- Do you want your voice heard and actively take part in working with the Council to improve services?
- Do you want to be kept informed of new developments and services that your family can access?
- Are you interested in joining a Parents as Partners Network?

If you have answered 'yes I am interested' to any of the questions, please click on the link to join the newly devised 'Parents as Partners Network'.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7TOPqhezrQJSMBTZHj_hZrNlAXmLdvZAU64j7jT2933S11Q/viewform