



@NewingtonCEP

# Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Summer Term 5

April 2018

*INSPIRE us with God in our heart and our school*

**Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing**

## PFA Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the PFA cake sale. It was an enjoyable occasion which raised money which will be reinvested in the children through the PFA. Thank you to the PFA for their continued support and hard work.

## Parking

We continue to receive complaints from our neighbours regarding parking. Please ensure you do not block drives or walkways. We would like to remind you that the church car park is available for our use and encourage you to leave your car there during pick-up and drop-off times.

## Parent Governor

We have now appointed one parent governor but are looking to appoint another from across the federation. If you are interested in this role please complete the attached form.

## Warmer Weather

Please can we ask that children come to school with suitable sunhats and sun cream pre-applied as necessary. Roll-on suncream may be brought in to class and handed to the class teacher if reapplication will be necessary. Sunglasses may be worn at break and lunchtimes. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

## Race for Life

We have supported Cancer UK's Race for Life event for the past few years and will be doing so again this year on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Children can wear their own Sports clothes for a £1 donation.

## Sports Day - Save the date!

Our school Sports Day will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June (reserve date Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June). All parents and carers are welcome to attend from 2pm onwards. Further details to follow nearer the time.

## KS2 Production

Due to local secondary schools informing us of their transition days we have had to change the dates of the KS2 production.

They are now:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 2pm - Dress Rehearsal

and families with young children and babies

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - 2pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - 4:30pm

More details will be released nearer the time.

## Parental Questionnaire

We would like to ask you to complete the online Government Parental Questionnaire-Parentview. This involves responding to 12 statements and questions about our school.

The questionnaire can be found at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## School Uniform

We pride ourselves on the appearance of our pupils and the majority of our pupils continue to look really smart. However, as the weather improves we have noticed that a small number of children are wearing sports shorts rather than school shorts and trainers rather than shoes. All children should be in full school uniform: white polo top, grey shorts/trousers for the boys and

either a skirt and white polo top or blue and white summer school dress for the girls. Shoes should be black school shoes, enclosed rather than sandals please and not trainers. Please can we also remind parents that long hair should be tied back securely.

### **Attendance**

Throughout the year we have worked hard to sustain an average attendance of over 96%. Thank you for all your support in this, however, the time of writing our average attendance for the year is 94.7%.

We would like to remind everyone of the weekly class competition to win an extra playtime and that we have arranged for a BMX bike to be awarded to a child at the end of this academic year. To be in with a chance of winning the bike pupils need to be at school at least 96% of the time. Pupils who meet this requirement will enter a raffle. If they are here for 97% they will receive two tickets. 98% will receive 3 tickets and so on. The more time the pupils are in school the more chance they have of winning the bike.

### **A Message from Family Trust**

We are delighted to 'officially' announce that we have made it into the Final of the 2018 People's Projects (a partnership of The Big Lottery Fund, The National Lottery and ITV / STV). There are 5 finalists in our region with the winner being decided by public vote. If we win we will get around £20,000 in vital funding. We would appreciate your support.

To vote online visit:

<https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/kids-money-courses> where you can view our project video and submit your vote. The closing date is midday on Monday 30 April 2018.

### **Online Safety Tip**

With so many different apps being released parents and carers can find out about the contents of them by downloading the 'NetAware' app from their app providers.

The app, which is supported by the NSPCC, contains reviews and ratings on each app from parents and children and has information about privacy and safety settings.

### **Diary**

#### **April**

26-30 Yr 5 Bikeability

#### **May**

7 Bank Holiday Monday - No School

14-18 KS2 SATS Week

18 Pentecost Service 2pm (Church)

21-23 School Journey

24 Nash Assembly 9am - Yr 2 Parents Welcome

25 End of Term 5

#### **June**

4 Start of Term 6

11 Charity Week

13 Sports Day

14 Class & Yr 6 Photo

20 Reserve Sports Day

28 Race for Life

#### **July**

2 KS2 Production - Dress Rehearsal 2pm

3 KS2 Production 2pm

4 KS2 Production 4:30pm

5 Klimt Assembly 9am - Yr 1 Parents Welcome

12 Cezanne Assembly 9am - Yr R Parents Welcome

12 Open Evening 3:30pm

20 End of term 6

**We welcome comments on how to make our school a better school for our children and are happy to meet parents/carers at mutually convenient times.**

**Our newsletter can also be seen at [www.newington.kent.sch.uk](http://www.newington.kent.sch.uk)**

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