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Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Autumn Term 2 December 2017

INSPIRE us with God in our heart and our school

Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing

Attendance

I am disappointed to report that our overall attendance is still below 95%. Continual good attendance is vital to ensure your child makes good progress at school. All classes are promoting and rewarding good attendance. **Please continue to support us in achieving over 96%**

KS1 Production & Video Permission

REMINDER:

We welcome parent/carers to our KS1 production, "A King is Born" on 5th and 6th December at 2.00 p.m. We are happy for parent/carers to photograph or video the event but we request that the images are for viewing at home and will not be placed on the internet. We also ask parent/carers not to distract the children by taking flash photographs. If you bring small children please be prepared to take them out if they become noisy. Please also note that the Dress Rehearsal to the whole school takes place on Monday 4th December and request that all KS1 children are present, barring emergencies or illness.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on December 15th. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper for a £1 donation for Save the Children.

Christmas Parties

Class Christmas Parties will be on Tuesday 12th December. Please send your child in with a small plate of party food, for them to eat in the afternoon, and a set of party clothes for them to change into.

Music Celebration

This will take place on Wednesday 13th December, 2pm at Newington Church. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Children in Need

We raised over £160 to support this great cause. Thank you to all who donated and for your continued support.

Walking Bus

Due to building work and increased congestion on our surrounding roads we are looking into setting up a walking bus scheme. If you would like to support this please express your interest at the school office. Training is likely to be involved.

Cold weather

Please ensure your child brings a clearly named coat in to school every day and clearly named hats, gloves and scarfs as appropriate.

Christmas Service

The Christmas Service will be held at Newington Church on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Progress Reports.

Following parental feedback, this year we will be sending home a Mid-Year progress report at the beginning of February followed by a more detailed End of Year Report in July. The February report can be discussed with the class teacher at the Parent's Evenings on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February 2018.

Parent Governor

We are still looking for 2 Parent Governors. Please speak to Mr Krafft or Mrs Walker if you are interested in taking on this role.

Christmas Tree Festival

The school will be submitting two trees to the Newington Church Christmas Tree Festival. If you would like to see our entries and support the project please visit Newington Church between 11am and 4pm on Saturday 9th and 16th of December and between 1pm and 4pm on Sunday 10th December. Entry is free and refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome.

School Gate

Please remember the school gate closes at 8:50am every morning.

E - Safety Tip

- Talk to your child regularly about the websites, apps and other digital services they enjoy using and encourage them to tell you if they are ever concerned about anything they see online
- Agree some boundaries about what's appropriate for their age and explain why some companies have minimum age limits in place (e.g. 13 on Facebook and Instagram)
- Make the most of parental controls like Google SafeSearch and YouTube Restricted Mode
- Check age ratings on videos, apps and games before your son or daughter accesses them
- Make sure your child's digital devices are protected with anti-virus software, firewalls and anti-spyware products

Diary

December

- 4 KS1 Production Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm
- 5 KS1 Production - 2:00pm
- 6 KS1 Production - 2:00pm
- 7 Year 5 Assembly - 9am
- 12 Class Christmas Parties
- 13 Music Celebration - Church- 2:00pm
- 15 Christmas Jumper Day
- 20 Christmas Church Service - 2:00pm
- 20 Last Day of Term 2 for Pupils

January

- 4 Start of Term 3
- 11 Swimming Starts Year 5

February

- 2 Mid-year reports sent home
- 6 Safer Internet Day
- 6 Parents Evening 3.40 - 6.00 pm
- 8 Parents Evening 5.00 - 7.30 pm
- 9 Inset Day 3 and **End of Term 3**
- 19 Start of Term 4

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

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