



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

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Attendance

The current Whole School Attendance is 93.6%, which is below our target of 96%. The whole school attendance for last week was very low at 87.6% and we are aware that there is a lot of illness around not only in our school but in other local schools too. We hope that with the half term break that many of these illnesses will begin to clear and our attendance can begin to rise over the coming months.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please ensure you keep your children off school for 24 - 48 hours if they experience sickness or diarrhoea. Below is the advice from the NHS website:

Gastroenteritis can spread very easily, so you should wash your hands regularly while you are ill and stay off work or school until at least 48 hours after your symptoms have cleared, to reduce the risk of passing it on.

Staffing News

Mr Brunton will be retiring and leaving the Federation at the end of Term 4, 31st March. He has been at Newington for the last 10 years and we will be sad to see him go. We thank him for all of his hard work over the many years.

Parking

Please be careful when parking cars in the roads around the school, ensuring you are not blocking the drives of local residents or gates. Parking is available at the church car park. Also, please do not park in the car park belonging to the contractors for the housing development. Please report any dangerous parking to PCSO John Cork by calling Kent Police on 101.

School Dinners

Please pay for your child's dinner in advance. If debt continues to accumulate after 3 occasions we will not provide a school dinner for your child and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch.

Medicine

Please collect your child's medicine from the school office once they have completed their prescription or are feeling

better. A lot of medicines are going uncollected and left at school.

World Book Day

Once again we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. A letter with more details has been sent out by Miss Miller earlier this week and copies are available at the office if you have not seen one. The school council have also asked to raise money for books, so we will be looking at doing some fundraising in the coming months for this as well as a Readathon.

Bad Weather / Snow Severe Weather

Following recent snowy weather we wanted to remind you of what we will do if the school is not open. We will send a text message if the school is unable to open or will open later and information will also be posted on the website: www.newington.kent.sch.uk. Messages will also be put on the schools twitter account. Please note that should a child be absent due to inclement weather each individual case will be looked at and the Executive Headteacher will decide whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

E-Safety Tip

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

The children have taken part in an e-safety focus week this week. We have taken part in the National Safer Internet Day. Children have explored ideas around being safe online, making the Internet safer and the power of images.

Sign to Sing

The children enjoyed learning and taking part in Sign to Sing. We are pleased to let you know that we have raised £32.50 for the Deaf Health Charity. Thank you for your donations.

Accelerated Reader

60 children have so far achieved their Accelerated Reader Target this term. We will let you know the final total on the next newsletter and the winner of the £10 voucher.

Cornerstone Coffee Morning

Informal drop-in on Thursday 16th February 2017 between 9am and 12:30pm at the Church. Children's activities available, ALL WELCOME.

Presentation Awards

The following children have been awarded presentation awards since the last newsletter.

Lowry -Jasmine M, Riley M, Lil B

Nash -Sophie G, Ellen L

Matisse- Amy L, Riley S, Harvey T

Angelico - Kelsey-Lea B, Millie K, Tommy T

Picasso - Alex P, Miles C, Alissa P,

Monet - Tijesunimi FA, Marcus B, Katie J

Star Awards

The following children have been awarded star awards since the last newsletter.

Cezanne - Dayle S, Lucas A, Bentley H, Gabriella A, Olivia B, Archie C

Lowry - David E, Freddie T, Harry S, Cayden M, Danielle M, Sam D

Nash - Danny C, Lilly G, Gracie B, Zak B, Sulaiman A, Billy W

Matisse - Samuela AB, Maisie-Jane P, Shakira M, Chloe M, Millie G, Harrison E

Angelico - Tommy T, Ewan B, Joshua T, Lilly-Mai N, Ruby F, Niamh M

Picasso - Charlie G, Ella M, Freddie W, Ayomide L, Grace T, Elle W

Monet - Edward C, Harry C, Oliver L, Maddison T, Ruby W, Leah G

Dates

Feb	9	End of Term 3
	10	INSET DAY - No children to attend
	20	Start of Term 4 - Children to attend
	22	Start of Year 6 Bikeability (only for children that have already signed up)
	22	Year 4 Parent Lunch
	27	Readathon starts
Mar	2	World Book Day
	22	Year 3 Parent Lunch
	28	Music Celebration at the Church 2pm
	31	End of Term 4
Apr	18	Start of Term 5
	26	Year 2 Parent Lunch
May	8	Year 6 SATS week (National testing week)
	26	End of Term 5
June	5	INSET DAY - No children to attend
	6	Start of Term 6
July	7	INSET DAY - No Children to attend
	21	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

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