



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Summer Term 2

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We wish everyone a lovely Summer break and look forward to seeing you in September for another exciting year.

Governor News

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new Parent Governor. Thank you to Jemma Puttock who has joined our Governing Body. Jemma is the parent of Leah Gilman in year 5.

PFA

Thank you to the many Parent / Carers who have been involved in the PFA this year. There have been a range of successful activities and money making events, including the recent disco, stall at Newington Festival and the Father's and Mother's Day raffles. We really appreciate your help. If you would like to become a member of the PFA please let the office know and we will pass your details on.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be disappointing for us. At the current time we are at 94.1% which is below the Government's 96% expectation. Absence will be something that we continue to address next year. Please remember that we will not authorise holidays and if this results in poor attendance then a penalty notice will be issued. Parents whose children continue to arrive late for school and receive unauthorised absences may also be issued with a penalty notice and will also be contacted by school / LEA. Children whose attendance is below 90% and whose parents have been asked to provide medical evidence this year, will continue to be monitored next year and will still need to provide medical evidence for absences to be authorised. We aim to have an attendance of at least 95% for the academic year 2016-2017.

School Dinners / Packed Lunches

Please can we once again remind you that a balanced packed lunch should contain:

- starchy foods - these are bread, rice, potatoes, pasta and others.
- protein foods - including meat, fish, eggs, beans and others.
- a dairy item - this could be cheese or a yoghurt.
- vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.

Instead of sandwiches, you could give children bagels, pitta bread, wraps and baguettes.

We are still seeing a number of children who have lunch boxes which contain many chocolate items and we ask you all to provide a balanced packed lunch for your child. From September we will be removing unhealthy / chocolatey items from lunch boxes.

We reattach a leaflet about healthy lunches boxes and more ideas can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

All children in years R, 1 and 2 receive a free school meal. However if you think you are entitled to free school meals due to being on a low income or benefits please contact the school office who can advise you of the process to apply for a free school meal.

Parent Lunches

Following the success of the Parent Lunches this year, we are very pleased to let you know that we will be continuing these next year.

They will be spread across the year and each class will have a set date for **1 parent per family** to come to school and have lunch. Also space is very limited so we ask that you do not bring other young children. (This is purely to have lunch, parents will not have an opportunity to go out to play with their child). So far we have worked with Principals to plan the dates for the first two. They are:

Thursday 13th October - Year 6 Monet Class

Thursday 1st December - Year 5 Picasso Class

Principals will send out information on how to book nearer the time for each class. The rest of the classes will follow in year group order between January and July. We will let you know the dates with plenty of notice once they have been arranged.

Reports

As we mentioned on the previous newsletter reports are now shorter than the previous format. However we will now be sending home reports three times a year, at Christmas, Easter and Summer. The report will follow the same format each time and will give you an understanding of where your child is at and their progress termly, rather than yearly.

School Uniform

Over the last month, we have noticed more and more children not wearing the correct uniform in school. We would like to remind everyone of our school uniform.

Girls	Boys
White polo-shirt or blouse	White polo-shirt or shirt
Grey Skirt or Trousers	Grey Trousers
Royal Blue Jumper or cardigan	Royal Blue Jumper or cardigan
Smart black school shoes	Smart Black school shoes
Summer - Blue Summer dress	Summer - Grey shorts
Plain white, grey or black socks	Plain white, grey, or black socks

Please can we remind you that children should not be wearing trainers in to school (even black ones) and should not wear boots. Hoodies and sports tops are not acceptable school uniform.

In Winter weather children can wear boots in to school, but we will expect them to change into smart school shoes.

We ask that **all** children have a pair of plimsolls at school for PE.

PE Kit

We have also noticed a rise in numbers of children not having a PE kit in school. Every child must have a PE kit in school which contains, blue shorts, white T-shirt, black plimsolls and optional trainers. For the Winter months only a plain tracksuit may be worn for outside PE.

From September parents will be contacted if their child does not have the correct uniform or PE kit.

Earrings - Message from Mr Sapp

Children may not wear earrings during PE lessons, so if you are planning on getting your child's ears pierced then this should be done at the very start of the Summer holiday, as this will allow for the necessary time of keeping earrings in before returning to School in September.

Adults in and around school

Following our recent Year R new entrants meeting I would like to share with everyone our expectations of any adults coming on to our school site. We will be expecting Parent / Carers to dress appropriately, this includes no vest tops, tops with slogans, onesies and dressing gowns. We would also like to remind you also that expect adults to use appropriate language and to not be swearing in or around the school site. Please can we also take this opportunity to remind you that the school is a no smoking site and this includes e-cigarettes.

Parking

Once again can we ask parents / carers to park appropriately and respect our neighbours' driveways. We have recently had reports that some parents have blocked or have parked on neighbours driveways. This is not acceptable and we are working with the PCSO to ensure that all parents park respectfully. We urge you to park in the Church car park, where there is plenty of space to park and then walk up to school.

KS2 Production

Thank you to all of the parents who came and watched our KS2 production of Cinderella and Rickerfella. It was a marvellous production and I wanted to say a huge thank you to all that were involved in producing the play, with a very special mention to Miss Miller who led the organisation and direction of this. Can we please remind parents that any photos or videos that were taken should not be placed on social media (unless your child is the only person in the photo or video).

Tuck Shop

We offer a tuck shop for children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) at break time. Items are sold for 10p each. Children may purchase two items and should only bring in 20p each day at most. Children in KS1 receive free fruit (funded by the Government) and should not bring money into school.

E-safety Tip

Children enjoy sharing pictures and videos online. Talk to your child about safe sharing. This link gives useful advice <http://ow.ly/LH57302iUtx>

Accelerated Reader

We currently have 61 children who have reached their Accelerated Reader Target this term. There is still time to complete this. All children who have reached their target by lunchtime on Friday 22nd July will be entered into the raffle to win a £10 voucher. We have successfully reached 40 million words, in fact we are now on 41,687,815 words. Well done to all the children who have continued to enjoy reading and complete quizzes on the books they have read.

HT Awards

Well done to the following children who have been awarded HT Certificates for Term 6.

Cezanne - Zach B
Lowry - Harry H
Klimt - Ben A
Escher - Tommy T
Matisse - Alex P
Monet - Holly T
Picasso - Joe C

Well done to Ryan L and Leah R, year 6, Tijesupemi FA, year 2 and Hayley T, year 5 who have become our most recent AR Word Millionaire, reading 1 million words since the start of September 2015. Tijesunimi FA, year 5, has become our second Multi-millionaire.

Presentation Awards

The following children have received Presentation Awards since the last newsletter.

Cezanne - Harry S, Arthur L, Freddie T, Riley M, Arthur L
Lowry - Happy O, Lilly G, Mckenzie A, Shaynie A, Olivia H
Klimt - Dylan B, Tijesupemi F-A, Ben L, Ben A, Charlie H
Escher - Sydnie T, Keira A, Tommy T, Millie C, Ben V
Matisse - Elliot O, Tia A, Miles C, George P, Sophie T
Monet - Ryan A, Jessica H, Conor T, Ruby B, Maddison T
Picasso - Kacey W, Toby L, Kaitlyn A, Grace K-Y

Star Awards

The following children have received Star Awards since the last newsletter.

Cezanne - Sam D, Riley M, Maisie N, David E, Jackson B, Alfie C, Danielle M, David E, Jackson B, Sam D
Lowry - Olivia H, Harry H, Harry H, Shaynie A, Gracie B, Finley J, Harry H, Samuel P, David W, Gracie B
Klimt - Amy L, Maisie-Jane P, Millie G, Finn T, Gracie L, Riley S, Millie G, Harry F, Georgie L, Dylan B
Escher - Jamie W, Georgia B, Katy Y-S, Ryan B, Ewan B, Lilly-Mai N, Keira A, Ruben L, Scarlett C, Lewis C
Matisse - Marissa J, Eimantas F, Sophie T, Grace T, Mackenzie C, Alissa P, Miles C, Charlie G, Grace Thompson, Alicia B
Monet - Lacie-Shannon M, Skye K, Tijesunimi F-A, Skye B, Holly T, Kingsley G, Marcus B, Kingsley G, Holly T, Leah G
Picasso - Jessica D, Joshua P, Lucy V, Joe C, Leah R, Cameron P, Owen H, Joe C

Dates

July	22	Leaver's Service 2pm St Mary's Church
	22	End of Term 6
Sept	6	Start of Term 1 - Children to attend

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.

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Our newsletter can also be seen at www.newington.kent.sch.uk

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