



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

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Attendance

The current Whole School Attendance is 93.7%, which is below our target of 96%. In recent weeks, we have had some classes obtaining 100% attendance over a series of days. This is fantastic. Please try to help the school in raising attendance by sending your child to school even when they may feel slightly under the weather, we can always contact you by phone if they do need to be collected.

Staffing News

We are pleased to welcome Mr Nelson who has joined us as our new Site Manager. He will be working with Mr Brunton over the coming weeks, until Mr Brunton retires at the end of this term.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Musk our new Family Liaison Officer on Monday 20th March. I am sure she will get to know you all very quickly.

Mr Juden will be leaving us at the end of this term on Friday 31st March due to personal reasons, we wish him well.

Parking / Neighbours

We are pleased that more parents are using the Church car park for drop off and collection. Please make sure you supervise your children when crossing the busy road outside the church. We have had a couple of reports of near misses.

We once again to ask you to respect other local residents by parking considerately and not blocking drives / pathways. We also ask that you supervise your children as they walk home from school and do not let them venture into the gardens of the neighbours.

We would also like to remind you please to avoid littering on the route to and from school, including the dropping of cigarette ends.

Parent Questionnaire

Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire for parent / carers to complete. Please return these to the school by end of Wednesday 29th March. Thank you.

Mardi Gras

The children enjoyed the activities and events that were part of our Mardi Gras Celebrations. A lively and enjoyable visit to the church was part of our activities.

World Book Day

Thank you for your support on World Book Day. There were some fabulous costumes. Thank you for donating so many good quality books too. We had 192 books, which will be shared out in the classrooms. We also thank you for supporting the Readathon. We have raised £389.50 and 20% of this will come back to the school to be spent on books.



Visit from Millwall Football Club Lionesses

On Friday 3rd March we had a visit from former Newington pupil and Millwall Lioness Captain Ashley Hincks, along with fellow Lioness Jordan Butler. The children enjoyed hearing how Ashley and Jordan got involved with the club and were able to ask them questions.

Uniform (Reminder)

Once again we have started to see a lot of non-uniform items being worn to school. We ask you to send your children in wearing the correct uniform. Children should be wearing the following uniform:

Girls	Boys
White polo-shirt or blouse	White polo-shirt or shirt
Grey / Black Skirt or Trousers	Grey / Black 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

Children should be wearing shoes not boots or trainers. Hoodies and sports tops are not acceptable.

We also ask that all children have the correct 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. We would like to remind you that nail varnish is not permitted to be worn in school, so if a child wears nail varnish two consecutive days, we will ask them to remove it, using the nail varnish remover pads we have in school.

E-Safety Tip

We tell our children to share but online it's different. Follow this website link for advice on how to make your child 'Share Aware'. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Family Mothering Sunday Event - Friday 24th March

The church is offering a Family Event in the hall, after school, on Friday 24th March to celebrate Mothering Sunday. It will be just for an hour and all families are invited to drop in to this. There will be a range of activities on offer.

Easter Experience

Children will be visiting the Church during the last week of this term as part of an Easter Experience. Classes will go over to the Church on the following dates:

Monday 27th March: Yr R, Yr1, Yr2 (Morning)

Wednesday 29th March: Yr5, Yr6 (Afternoon)

Thursday 30th March: Yr3, Yr4 (Afternoon)

Please see the separate letter (already sent home from Mrs Holton last week, but available to view on our website) about remembering someone.

There will be an Easter worship on the first Wednesday of Term 5 led by the clergy, but this will be just for the children.

Accelerated Reader

40 children have so far achieved their Accelerated Reader Target this term. 65 children achieved their target at the end of term 3 and Danny C from year 2 won the £10 Raffle prize.

Parent Lunches

We are continuing to work with Principals to offer more Parent lunches (please see diary date section for Years R to 3). These are an opportunity for **one parent / carer** to come and have lunch at school with the child from that chosen year group. We can only accommodate one parent / carer per Year Group Parent Lunch and do not have the space for other younger children. We try to give the dates with plenty of notice so that time off work / other child care arrangements can be made. Principals will send out more information approximately two weeks before the event and we do need the return slips to be back at school one week before the lunch so that we can sort out the arrangements. As this is for one year group at a time you will be eating with the child from that year group and not other siblings.

Presentation Awards

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

Lowry - Archie F, Zach B, Arthur L, Harry S

Nash - Olivia H, Lilly C, Shiylah H, Lilly C

Matisse - Jamie S, Georgie L, Ben A, Riley S

Angelico - Ryan B, Niamh M, Tommy T, Amy B

Picasso - Toby A, Sophie T, George P, Ayomide L

Monet - Ruby W, Ruby B, Edward C, Harry C

Star Awards

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

Cezanne - Jessica-Marie B, Dolly-Marie T, Jayden V, Max G, Jessica-Marie B, Maisie C, Ruby C, Rubie-Lou K

Lowry - Alfie C, Zach B, Maisie N, Riley M, Jackson B, Freddie T, Riley M, Sam D

Nash - Max L, Sydnie L, Blake M, Danny C, Kriss M, Samuel P, Max L, Happy O

Matisse - Dylan B, Millie G, Maisie-Jane P, Harvey T, Harry F, Killian M, Harrison E, Dylan B

Angelico - Summer-Rose T, Olivia B-R, Ewan B, Kelsey-Lea B, Summer-Rose T, Katy YS, Ruby F, Jamie W

Picasso - Tia-Louise A, Alicia B, Mackenzie C, Alex P, Ella M, Eimantas F, Hannah S, Charlie H

Monet - Tijesunimi FA, Maddison Ca, Leah G, Owen L, Lacie-Shannon M, Aimee M, Maddison T, Ryan A

Headteacher Awards

The following children were awarded Headteacher Awards at the end of Term 3.

Cezanne - Eddie B

Lowry - Jasmine M

Nash - Harry H

Matisse - Finn T

Angelico - Ella H

Picasso - Samuel H

Monet - Samuel B

Dates

Mar	22	Year 3 Parent Lunch
	28	Music Celebration at the Church 2pm
	28	Art Gallery from 3:30-4:00 at the school, come and see your children's artwork from this term.
	31	End of Term 4
Apr	18	Start of Term 5
	27	Year 5 Swimming Group 1 starts
	25	PGL (Residential Trip) Parent Meeting 3.45 at Lower Halstow School
	26	Year 2 Parent Lunch
May	8	Year 6 SATS week (National testing week)
	24	Year 1 Parent Lunch
	26	End of Term 5
June	5	INSET DAY - No children to attend
	6	Start of Term 6
	15	Year 5 swimming Group 2 starts
	28	Year R Parent Lunch
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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