



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation
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Attendance

Our attendance is currently at 95.2% for the whole school and we want to continue to work with you to improve this to at least 96%. We understand that there have been many illnesses just recently and this is why so many children have been off school. Please remember that the school can give medication to pupils during the day if we have signed parental consent form. Please speak to the office if you require further information.

Staff News

We would like to let you know that Miss Brown has had her baby at the end of October, a little girl. Both are doing very well.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to so many of you who have contributed to the Blythswood shoe box appeal. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. We have collected 47 shoeboxes this year.

Remembrance Service

Year 6 led our annual Remembrance Service on Friday 11th November for members of the local community. We had many comments thanking the children for their thoughtful service and the hard work they put in.

Poppy Appeal / Clay Poppies

Thank you for your support in buying poppies and the other merchandise that was on offer. We nearly sold out of all items and we will let you know soon how much we have raised for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all of you who have purchased one or more of the children's poppies. We have sold at least 57 of them. If you still wish to purchase them (at £3 each), then please bring your money to the office on Monday 21st November. This is our deadline for this event as then we will be selling any that are left to the local community. All proceeds will be given to the Royal British Legion too.



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need through wearing various dotty and spotty items.

KS1 Production & Video Permission

We welcome parent/carers to our KS1 production "Lights, Camel, Action - It's Strictly Nativity" on 7th and 8th December at 2.00 p.m. Please note that this is a ticketed event and tickets should be brought with you to gain entry. 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. Please also note that the Dress Rehearsal to the whole school takes place on Tuesday 6th December and request that all KS1 children are present, barring emergencies or illness.

If you bring small children please be prepared to take them out if they become noisy.

New Entrant Tours / Open Morning

We are continuing to host tours for 2017 new entrants over the next few weeks. Tours hosted by our year 6 pupils will take place Thursday 24th November 9:30 am - 11:00 am. The morning is open to all prospective parent/carers who would like the opportunity of seeing the staff and children at work. Please inform any neighbour or friend who has a child who will be 5 between September 2017 and 31st August 2018.

Conduct of Adults

We ask that if parents are walking past the school playground during play times and lunchtimes that they do not shout across the playground or speak to children at the fence, even if it is to your own children.

Coats

We ask that all children have coats in school every day during this time of year. We understand that many children are dropped off by car in the mornings and collected, but children are still outside for playtime and lunchtime each day, even in the colder weather. Please can you make sure that all hats, scarves and gloves are also named.

Light Party

We thank the Church for hosting and organising the Light Party that was held on Monday 31st October. It was a huge success and it may be held again next year.

Christingle Service

The Christingle Service will be held at St Mary's Church on Friday 25th November at 2.00 p.m. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Christmas Fayre / Non-School Uniform for Donations

Our PFA are working hard to organise a Christmas Fayre. This will take place on Friday 2nd December from 3:30 to 5:00pm. There will be many stalls and exciting things to see and do, so please come along and support our school. A non-school uniform day will be held on Friday 25th November in exchange for bottles and unwanted gifts suitable raffle / tombola prizes for the Fayre.

Parent Lunches

We have worked with Principals to reorganise Parent Lunches. 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). The dates we have organised so far are:

Wednesday 23rd Nov - Year 6 Monet Class

Wednesday 25th Jan - Year 5 Picasso Class

Wednesday 22nd Feb - Year 4 Angelico 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 March and July. We will let you know the dates with plenty of notice once.

E-safety Tip - Check your settings

Use the privacy and security settings on social media sites so that only friends and family can see your pages.

Then speak to friends and family and encourage them to tighten their privacy settings too as they could affect you.

Even if your account is locked as private, personal information you have shared with others could still be accessed through their pages.

Christmas Class Parties

Class Parties will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 15th December. Please supply a named plastic/paper plate with party food on the day (this is solely for your own child, who would have already had a dinner at lunchtime). A change of clothes can be brought in a bag in the morning. Children may be playing games etc. so please ensure shoes are suitable for running around in.

Music Celebration

We will be hosting a music celebration afternoon at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 20th December at 2pm. The children have been working hard on songs and music for this event. Parents are welcome to attend.

Accelerated Reader (Years 2 to 6)

We currently have 15 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 Wednesday 21st December will be entered into the raffle to win a £10 voucher. As a school we have read 10984704 words so far this year which is wonderful.

Millionaire Readers

Well done to Kingsley in year 6 who has become an AR Millionaire Reader.

Presentation Awards

The following children have received Presentation Awards since the start of the year.

Lowry - Zach B, Zach B, Riley M, Arthur L
Nash - Ellie-Rose B, Shiylah H, Shaynie A, Sulaiman A
Matisse - Samuela AB, Amy L, Charlie H, Finn T
Angelico - Sydnie T, Joshua T, Lilly-Mai N, Pearl V
Picasso - Toby A, Alicia B, Elle W, Miles C
Monet - All of Monet, Hayley T, Oliver L, Maddison Co

Star Awards

The following children have received Star Awards since the start of the year.

Cezanne - Ronnie G, Lily J, Irene O, Pollyanna, Kylie B, Archie C, Lukas A, Jessica-Marie B
Lowry - Riley M, Arthur L, Jackson, Maisie N, Alfie C, Freddie T, Harry S, Sydnie L
Nash - Kriss M, Sydnie L, Lil B, Max L, Max L, Samuel P, Lilly G, Freddie J
Matisse - Ben L, Chloe M, Shakira M, Tijesupemi FA, Killian M, Georgie L, Millie G, Caitlin C
Angelico - Millie K, Ewan B, Katy YS, Olivia BR, Georgia B, Tommy T, Ruby F, Ella H
Picasso - Hayleigh TR, Grace T, Ella M, Marissa J, Alfie B, Miles C, Toby A, Sam H
Monet - Ruby B, Edward C, Jess H, Madison C, Samuel B, Ryan A, Ruby W, Conor T

Term 1 Headteacher Awards

The following children have been awarded HT awards at the end of Term 1.

Cezanne - Eire H
Lowry - Harry S
Nash - Ellen L
Matisse - Chloe M
Angelico - Ellie-Mae D
Picasso - Alex P
Monet - Skye K

Dates

Nov	24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00 - for new entrants Year R 2017
	25	PFA Non Uniform Day, for donations for the Fayre
Dec	2	PFA Christmas Fayre (3.30-5.00)
	7	KS1 Production to parents 2pm (this will be ticketed)
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	15	Christmas Parties
	20	Celebration Music celebration at St. Mary's Church 2pm
	21	Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church 2pm
	21	End of Term 2
Jan	3	Start of Term 3

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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