



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

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Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing

Staffing News

We would like to wish Miss Brown all the best for the arrival of her new baby as she goes on maternity leave today. I am sure that she will keep in touch with us and let us know when the baby has arrived.

Attendance

Mr Marshall our Chair of Governors wrote to you in September outlining our need to strive for better attendance and informed you all that we are keen to raise the overall attendance of the school to 96%. 96% attendance means only 7 days absence in a year.

Our attendance is currently at 95% for the whole school and we want to continue to work with you to improve this to at least 96%.

SIAMS

Our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) took place on Friday 7th October. Thank you to the parents who returned the questionnaire. We are pleased to be graded Good in all areas and overall. Our report is out today and is on our website; www.newington.kent.sch.uk Follow the Parent Information tab, Ofsted Inspections to view the report. It can also be found under the Christian ethos section too. Please ask at the office if you would like a hard copy of the report.

Entrance Hall Banner

After a year of designing and making, our Entrance Hall Banner is finally made and on display in the school entrance hall. The banner was presented and blessed as part of our Harvest Service on 30th September. The design represents our school and has many hidden elements which are revealed when you look closely at it. Our banner includes our four Christian Values of - Welcoming, Generous, Forgiving and Flourishing, as well as our seven core INSPIRE values of - Individuality, Neighbourliness, Strive, Pride, Imagination, Rest and Enjoy. Please come and have a closer look when you get the chance.



Harvest

Thank you for your donations for Harvest and attending our service which was on the theme of Harvest of the Sea. Gardening Club also provided a special donation of some school grown produce.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

I am pleased to let you know that the school raised £161 for MacMillan

through the coffee morning and cake sale. Everyone should be proud of their efforts and I would like to extend a big thank you to the PFA for all their hard work.

Parent's Consultation Evening

Parent's evening will take place on Wednesday 19th October (3:40 - 6:00pm) and Thursday 20th October (5:00 - 7:30pm). If you have not already booked your appointment please do so at the office.

Term Dates

Please note that all Term dates including INSET days can be viewed on our website; www.newington.kent.sch.uk Follow the Parent Information tab and then Term Dates section. Please inform the Office if you would prefer a paper print out.

INSET DAY

Friday 21st October is an INSET Day so no children are to attend on this day.

Parking / Dropping Off

Once again can we ask parents / carers to park appropriately and respect our neighbours' driveways. Also we ask that you park in the church car park and walk to the school with your children to help ease congestion immediately outside the school. We have recently had reports that some parents are parking on the yellow zigzag lines and also that drivers are just pulling up in the middle of the road so that children can quickly get out of the car and rush in to school. We urge parents not to do this and ask you to park sensibly and walk your children to the school gate. This is not acceptable behaviour and we will continue to work with the PCSOs and KCC wardens to ensure that all parents park respectfully. If you do see this happening please can you help us and others by taking the car registration number and reporting it to PCSO John Cork by phoning the 101 number.

New Entrant Tours

Like last year we will be hosting tours for 2017 new entrants in the coming weeks. Tours with members of the senior leadership team will be held on Thursday 10th November from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Please sign up at the school office if you wish to attend, Tours hosted by our year 6 pupils will take place Thursday 24th November 9:30 am - 11:00 am.

PFA Plea

Our PFA have worked extremely hard over the last few years to provide a range of events and activities to support the school. However we are running short of members who are able to commit some time and attend meetings / organise these events. Without new members our PFA may not be able to continue running and holding events which make vital money for the school. If you would like to become a member please come to the next meeting being held at the school on Thursday 3rd November from 2:45 to 3:30pm.

Coats

As the weather is turning cooler please ensure that your child brings a coat to school. Please make sure that coats, and **all other uniform**, have your child's name clearly labelled inside them. Children may also have a tracksuit in school for PE lessons which will continue to be outside even in the cooler / wet weather.

Parent Lunches

Unfortunately due to a change of staff at Principals we have been unable to run the planned Year 6 parent lunch. We are currently speaking to Principals to reorganise these and we let you know soon what has been decided.

Light Party

St. Mary's Church, Newington are holding a Light Party from 6-7pm on Monday 31st October. This will be a fun party for families with primary aged children. A separate flyer has been sent out but if you require more details please contact Rev Amanda Lane by email at revamandalane@gmail.com

Accelerated Reader (Years 2 to 6)

We currently have 22 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 Thursday 20th October will be entered into the raffle to win a £10 voucher. As a school we have read 7076779 words so far this year. This is a wonderful start to the year and we may improve on last year's success of reading 40 million words.

Millionaire Readers

We already have two Millionaire readers this year, well done to Maddison T, year6 and Sophie T, year 5.

E-Safety Tip

Internetmatters.org has teamed up with Currys PC World and Carphone Warehouse to offer Digital Drop ins to help parents and carers. Learn more <http://buff.ly/2dxtcz4>

There are some local drop in sessions being held from Monday 17th to Friday 21st October. They are free and are designed to help keep your child safe online.

What can I learn at a Digital Drop In?

Learn what your children may be doing online
Set-up parental controls & privacy settings
Advice on how to stay involved in their digital world

Presentation Awards

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

Lowry - Arthur L, Archie F, Freddie T, Maisie N, Alfie C
Nash - Ellen L, Happy O, Shaynie A, Anthony C, Sophie G
Matisse - Charlie H, Ben A, Harvey T, Riley S, Millie G, Georgie L
Angelico - Ella H, Amy B, Bidy C, Ellie-Mae D, Summer-Rose T
Picasso - Alissa P, Mackenzie C, Alicia B, MARRISA J
Monet - Conor T, Jessica H, Nicole W, Leah G, Madison Ca

Star Awards

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

Cezanne - Gabriella A, Maisie-Jayne S, Honey H, Barbara-Ellen D, Faith O, Eddie B, Dayle S, Maisy C
Lowry - Zach B, Sam D, Arthur L, Jackson B, Riley M, David E, Danielle M, Arthur L, Jackson B, Jasmine M
Nash - Olivia H, Finley J, Lilly G, Zak B, Harry H, Kaiden P, Michael D, Mckenzie A, Ellen L, Finley J
Matisse - Millie G, Dylan B, Ellen M, Jamie S, Maisie-Jane P, Tijesupemi FA, Shakira M, Finn T, Caitlin C, Amy L
Angelico - Tommy F, Scarlett C, Niamh M, Joshua S, Ruben L, Denver S, Lewis C, Millie C, Ryan B, Ben V
Picasso - Alex P, Samuel H, Miles C, Toby A, Grace T, Eimantas F, George P, Charlie G, Hannah S, Alex P
Monet - Samuel B, Skye K, Holly T, Ryan A, Maddison T, Owen L, Maddison Co, Oliver L, Marcus B, Jack A

Dates

Oct	17	Year 6 Trip to Parliament
	19	Parent's Evening 3.40-6.00
	20	Parent's Evening 5.00-7.30
	21	End of Term 1 / INSET DAY. No children to attend
	31	Start of Term 2

Nov	3	Year 6 Group 2 swimming starts
	10	New Entrant Tours - Year R 2017
	14-18	Anti-bullying Week
	24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00 - for new entrants Year R 2017
	25	PFA Non Uniform Day, for donations for the fair (more info to follow of what donations)
Dec	2	PFA Christmas Fair (3.30-5.00)
	7	KS1 Production to parents 2pm (this will be ticketed and a letter will be sent out nearer the time)
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	15	Christmas Parties
	20	Celebration Music Assembly
	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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Our newsletter can also be seen at www.newington.kent.sch.uk

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