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Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Autumn Term 1 October 2017

INSPIRE us with God in our heart and our school

Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing

MacMillan Fund Raising Event

The PFA hosted a very successful cake sale on Thursday 12th October. This was also supported by the children and staff wearing green and white for the day. The total raised was an amazing £308. Many thanks to all who helped out, supported and donated.

Year 6 Assembly

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support year 6 in their assembly. Year 6 worked really hard and did the school proud. It was a great occasion enjoyed by all!

INSET Day

The end of term 1 will be Thursday 19th October. There is an inset day for staff on Friday 20th October. The children return to school on Monday 30th October.

Coats and Uniform

As the weather is now turning colder please ensure that your child brings a coat in to school daily. Please make sure that all coats and items of uniform are clearly named.

Litter

We have had complaints from the local community about the amount of litter that is being left on the roads surrounding the school. Please ensure that all litter is taken home or put in a bin.

KS1 Victorian Day

Years 1 & 2 will be taking part in a 'Victorian Day' on Friday 3rd November. The children are encouraged to come to school in

Victorian costumes as they enjoy a day of themed activities.

Parents Evening

Please sign up for Parents Evenings on the sheets available at the school office. Please make a note of your time slot and arrive promptly as this will help the evening run smoothly.

New Entrants Tours

New Entrant's Tours with a member of the leadership team will be on Tuesday 7th November 9:30-11:30am and Wednesday 15th November 1:30-3:30pm. Tours hosted by our year 6 pupils will take place on Tuesday 21st November between 9:30 and 11:00am. Please sign up in the office if you wish to attend.

Reading and Maths Talk

Following feedback from our parents and carers we are delighted to offer a Reading and Maths Talk on Tuesday 21st November at 4pm. This will be open to all parents and carers across the federation. Subject leaders and members of SLT will be on hand to offer advice on supporting your children at home as well as giving you the opportunity to ask any questions.

PFA Christmas Fete

The PFA will be hosting a Christmas Fete on Friday 1st December 2017 from 3:30pm. There will be 2 Tag days in the lead up to the event. Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for donations towards the stalls. Chocolate donations - Friday 24th November. Bottle donations - Friday 1st December.

Accelerated Reader

As of next term we will no longer be sending the children's accelerated reader levels home in the contact books each term. These will instead be displayed in the classroom for the children to refer to when they pick their new quiz books. If there are any questions regarding your child's reading, please arrange to discuss this with your child's teacher at a convenient time.

Attendance

We have launched some initiatives to support the pupils in achieving our goal of at least 96% attendance across the whole school. We have arranged for a BMX bike to be awarded to a child at the end of the year. To be in with a chance of winning the bike pupils need to be at school at least 96% of the time. Pupils who meet this requirement will enter a raffle. If they are here for 97% they will receive two tickets. 98% will receive 3 tickets and so on. The more time the pupils are in school the more chance they have of winning the bike. To see pictures of the bike please visit our Twitter feed. Also, through discussions with our school council, we have decided that the class with the highest attendance at the end of each week will receive an extra 10 minute break time on a Monday afternoon. We would like to thank you for your support in this important matter.

E Safety Tip

If your son or daughter has the latest smart toy, check the manufacturer's guidance and consider the following:
Is the toy appropriate for the age of your child?

Does it connect to an app or social network?
What personal information might your child give to the toy?

Where is that data stored and how securely?

Does your child need parental consent to share their personal details with the toy?
As a parent, do you have access to their data and, if so, could this be an invasion of your child's privacy?

Could your child's personal information be used for marketing purposes?

Diary

October

13 Individual and Sibling Photos
13 Harvest Festival - Church - 2:00pm
16 Parents Eve - 3:40pm - 6:00pm
18 Parents Eve - 5:00pm - 7:30pm
19 Last Day of Term 1 for Pupils
20 INSET DAY - No Pupils
30 Start of Term 2

November

3 Victorian Day KS1
7 New Entrants 2018 Tour - 9:30am
7 Cathedral School Day (Yr 6)
10 Remembrance Worship
13 Anti-Bullying Week
15 New Entrants 2018 Tour - 1:30pm
21 New Entrants 2018 Tour - 9:30am
21 Reading & Maths Talk - 4:00pm
24 Tag Day (Chocolate Donations)
30 Christingle Service - Church - 2pm

December

1 Tag Day (Bottle Donations)
1 PFA Christmas Fete
4 KS1 Production Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm
5 KS1 Production - 2:00pm
6 KS1 Production - 2:00pm
13 Music Celebration - Church- 2:00pm
20 Christmas Church Service - 2:00pm
20 Last Day of Term 2 for Pupils

January

4 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.

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

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