



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation
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Welcome back to school to all parent/carers, children, staff and Governors, we hope you had an enjoyable holiday. We would particularly like to welcome our new members of staff; Miss Keers teaching Nash, Mr Hart teaching Angelico, Mrs Witherden who will be with us on a Tuesday, a HLTA who will teach music in KS2 and Miss Baptiste a teaching assistant who will be working with us.

Attendance - Please see letter from Mr Marshall, Chair of Governors which will also be coming home today.

Family Liaison Officer

Cathy Evers, who is our Family Liaison Officer. Cathy will be continuing to work across the Federation and is at Newington School every day in the afternoons. For parent carers new to the school this is an explanation of her role:

Hello, my name is Cathy Evers and I am your Family Liaison Officer. This means my door is open to both parents and children to help in whatever way I can to make this the best year yet at school.

I will be working across both schools, so if you wish to talk in detail you may prefer to call and book an appointment. Please feel free to come and introduce yourselves, and I welcome any suggestions of things I could offer to help you this year. I look forward to working with you all.

Healthy Packed Lunches

We have started off very well on our mission for all children to have healthy packed lunches. Thank you for your continued support with this.

School Uniform

We have been very pleased with how smart the children have been looking in their school uniforms over the past days. We would however 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. 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.

Class Newsletters

Class newsletters were sent out last week. If you have not received one, they are on the website or ask for one at the office.

Term Dates

Please note that all Term dates can be viewed on our website: www.newington.kent.sch.uk Please inform the Office if you would prefer a paper print out.

PFA Donation to the School / Future Events

The PFA have raised a considerable amount of money over the last year and are giving £400 to the school to spend on books for the library. They will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September from 8:30 to 10:15 in the school hall, so please drop in and have a drink, a cake and a chat, with all proceeds going to the charity of Macmillan. We will need lots of donations of cakes, so please can these be brought in to school on Thursday 29th September.

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. If you would like to become a member please leave your name and contact details at the school office, so that we can let you know when the next meeting is scheduled. Most meetings take place on a Friday at 2.45 / 3.00pm.

Dates

Sept	15	Year 6 Group 1 swimming starts
	30	Macmillan Coffee Morning (8:30-10:15 in the hall)
	30	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church 2pm
Oct	11	New Entrant Tours - Year R 2017
	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
Feb	10	End of Term 3 / INSET DAY. No children to attend
	20	Start of Term 4
Mar	31	End of Term 4
Apr	18	Start of Term 5
May	26	End of Term 5
June	5	INSET DAY. No children to attend
	6	Start of Term 6
July	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.

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

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