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Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Autumn Term 1 September 2017

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Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing

Welcome back to all parent/carers, children, staff and Governors, we hope you had an enjoyable holiday.

Hello from the new Head of School

Thank you for welcoming me to Newington CEP School. We have had a busy but successful first couple of weeks and I am sure we will continue to work well together over the coming year.

The pupils have all been working very hard and look very smart walking around the school. They are showing great pride in their work, themselves, each other and the school. It is always fantastic to see them holding doors open for each other and wearing the uniform smartly with pride.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took time out to come and see me at the Meet the Head of School meeting last week. It was great seeing so many of you there. Thank you for your ideas and we are already putting some of them into action. We are planning to hold a Reading and Maths evening to help you support your children with these subjects at home and I am grateful to the parents who have expressed an interest in becoming part of the PTA. We have also looked into some of the other issues that were discussed and will provide any further updates through the school newsletter. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

*Kind Regards,
Mr Krafft*

Hello from the Family Liaison Officer

Hello, my name is Zoe Musk and I am the Family Liaison Officer for the Federation so I work across both schools. I will be at Lower Halstow every morning and at Newington in the afternoons.

I strongly believe the emotional and well-being needs of children are so important for them to develop and learn so they can reach their full potential. Good communication between parents and school is also essential.

Please feel free to come and speak to me about any concerns and also inform your children that I am here to support them as well. This way we can all work together so that this year can be as happy and productive as possible.

If you wish to talk in detail you may prefer to call or make an appointment.

I hope we can make this year as happy and productive as possible for every child.

*Kind regards
Mrs Musk*

Class Newsletters

Class newsletters explaining what the children will be learning and information regarding PE were sent out on Wednesday. Please speak to the office if you did not receive one. All letters will be added to the website.

Registration Time

The morning register will now start at 8:50am and the gates will also close at this time. Please ensure that pupils arrive promptly ready to be registered in class. Any arrivals after this time will have to enter the school through the office and sign in late. An attendance letter, linked to our updated policy, is attached.

Pick Up and Drop off

We would like to remind parents that they are responsible for pupils on the playground at the start and end of each day. Please ensure the children behave sensibly and safely at all times.

School Uniform

We have been very pleased with how smart the children have been looking in their school uniforms over the past days. However, we would like to 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.

Celebration and Class Assemblies

We will be holding a weekly celebration assembly where pupils in every class will be awarded the titles 'Writer of the Week', 'Reader of the Week', 'Mathamagician of the Week' and a Values Award. The winning names will be on display in the school. Parents will not be invited to attend these assemblies, however, we plan to give each class a date to hold their own assembly where parents will be welcome to join us and help celebrate the pupils' hard work. We feel this will give parents more notice and allow more time for those parents who would need to make alternative arrangements to be able to attend.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should only come into school and left at the office if completely necessary. Please put a sticker on them, with your child's full name and class, so they are easily identifiable. We are unable to accept responsibility for these phones while left in the office.

Westlands Open Evening

We have been informed that Westlands Secondary School will be holding an open evening on Friday 6th October between 6pm and 8pm.

Photos on the Playground

We would encourage you not to take photos of your children on the playground. It is important we consider children that cannot be photographed or have their image distributed and it can be difficult to ensure you do not accidentally include them in your picture. Any photos taken at school for events such as productions and sports day should not be shared on social media for the same reason.

Parking

Please ensure you are not blocking the drives of local residents, access to the school or the gates when parking.

E Safety Tip

Technology has lots of benefits but some people push boundaries and behave differently online. Please talk to your child about how they conduct themselves in the digital world.

2017-18 Inset Days

Below is a list of planned INSET days. Pupils must not attend school on these days.

Inset Day - Friday 20 October 2017

Inset Day - Friday 9 February 2018

Inset Day - Monday 23 July 2018

Inset Day - Tuesday 24 July 2018

Diary

September

- 21 Swimming Starts
- 21 Author Visit
- 22 KM Reception Class Photo

October

- 13 Individual and Sibling Photos
- 13 Harvest Festival - Church - 2:30pm
- 16 Parents Eve - 3:40pm - 6:00pm
- 18 Parents Eve - 5:00pm - 7:30pm
- 19 Last Day of Term 1 for Pupils
- 30 Start of Term 2

November

- 13 Anti Bullying Week

December

- 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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