



# Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Summer Term 1

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## Attendance

The current Whole School Attendance is 93.83%, which is still below our target and the Government target of 96%. Recently we have had some days where classes have had 100% attendance, and last week Year 1 had 100% for the whole week. Once again can we remind you that we can administer medication, as long as we have the medicine and a signed form in school. Holidays during term time will not be authorised and may result in a penalty notice.

## Notifying of absence and medical appointments

If your child is absent from school please contact the main office by phone or in person each day before 10am. If your child has a medical appointment, please notify the office in advance and let them see a copy of any appointment letters if you have them.

## Supervision of Children / Behaviour After School

Please can you ensure that children are fully supervised in the playground at collection time. Children should not be running around climbing walls and going on to the field after collection.

## Parent Questionnaire - Summary

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Questionnaire and returned it to school. All comments have been read and we will try to address some of these points over the coming months.

## School Driveway / Ramp

Please can we ask you not to park on the school driveway leading up to the car park when dropping off children. This road needs to be kept clear at all times.

## Tuck Shop

Key Stage 2 children can purchase items sold in our tuck shop for 10p each to a maximum of 20p. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and wants to bring an item of food to eat at break time then it should be a small healthy item. E.g a piece of fruit, plain crackers, bread sticks, rice cake etc. It should not be biscuits, chocolate based, crisps etc.

## Allergies

Due to a rise in children having food allergies we have made the decision that we will no longer hand out food as treats / prizes. This includes sweets / chocolate etc that children have brought in to share for birthdays etc.

## Christian Aid Week

As a school we will, once again, supporting Christian Aid Week by raising awareness, prayer and fund raising. The national theme encourages us to look at people around the world who have been displaced and are without a safe place to live. To raise money we will be holding a "BIG BREKKIE" for our children on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th MAY. 8am - 8.30am in the school hall. This will be a simple breakfast of cereal, fruit and toast. Tickets, with a minimum donation £1, will be sold in advance. A letter with full details will be sent home prior to the event.

## Pentecost Service

We will be holding a Pentecost Service in St. Mary's Church on Friday 26th May at 2pm. All parents / carers are welcome to attend this service.

## PESE 11+ Test - Yr 5 Parent/Carers only

We have arranged for Mrs Godfrey and Miss Miller to be available to discuss the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education and 11+ tests with parent/carers on the following afternoons: Wednesday 7th June 1.30 - 3.30 pm and Thursday 8th June 2.00 - 5.00 pm. Please contact the office if you would like an appointment for one of these two occasions. We will let you know by text when we put out the lists to sign up for these appointments in the near future.

## Sports Afternoon

Sports activity afternoon will take place on Wednesday 14th June at 1:15pm. If the weather is poor, our reserve date is Wednesday 21st June. The events will take place throughout the afternoon for all year groups and parents / carers are warmly invited to come and watch.

## Parents Speaking to Teachers

If you wish to speak to a teacher then you must make an appointment for a meeting or leave a message with one of the teaching assistants on the playground or at the office, so that the teacher can contact you by phone. It is not possible for teachers to speak to parents in the morning. Our lessons start at 8:55 and all class teachers need to be in the classroom teaching at this time.

### Toys

Once again we would like to remind you that children should not be bringing toys in to school. This includes the Finger Fidget Spinners.

### PFA (Parent Friends Association) Members Needed

If you are interested in helping out with the PFA please speak to Mrs Wright in the office. We need volunteers to help organise events like discos, Raffles, Christmas Fayre etc. Events will not be run unless more parents offer to support.

### E-Safety Tip

Following recent events outside of school, we ask that all parents regularly check the comments and messages that children are sending to each other outside of school using social media and instant messaging. We are aware that some children have Facebook accounts and I would like to advise you that you should be 13 to have a Facebook account. If you do have any concerns with any messages or posts that you see, please contact either myself or Mrs Godfrey as the Designated Safeguarding and E-Safety Leads.

### Family Mothering Sunday Event

It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying this event, thank you to Mrs Holton and the church for arranging and leading the activities that were held after school. There were so many nice things that the children made for their mums.

### Easter Experience

Thank you to all the parents who went and looked at what the children had left in the church as part of their Easter Experience. There were some very interesting pieces of work produced which showed how thoughtful and reflective our children are.

Thank you also to Rev. Amanda who led an Easter Service in school at the start of Term 5.

### Accelerated Reader

Well done to Ayokunbi L who won the Accelerated Reader Raffle at the end of Term 4. We had 71 children who met their target throughout the term.

### Presentation Awards

The following children have been awarded presentation awards since the last newsletter.

Cezanne - Layla A

Lowry - Maisie N, Archie F, Zach B

Nash - Happy O, Shaynie A, Tommy V

Matisse-Georgie L, Shakira M, Kara W

Angelico - Lewis C, Ella H, Ella H

Picasso - Eimantas F, Ayomide L, Grace T

Monet - Tristan S, Tristan S, Harry C

### Star Awards

The following children have been awarded star awards

since the last newsletter.

Cezanne - Layla A, Faith O, Dayle S, Maisie S, Jayden V, Esmae M

Lowry - Jackson B, Jasmine M, Harry S, Lil B, Lil B, Alfie

Nash - Danny C, Harry H, Samuel P, Lilly G, Max L, Lilly C

Matisse - Finn T, Charlie H, Ben L, Alexis H, Amy L, Keira H

Angelico - Tommy F, Millie K, Millie C, Ben V, Ruben L, Kelsey-Lea B

Picasso - Freddie W, Alex P, Grace T, Ellen M, Alfie B, Tia-Louise A

Monet-Maddison T, Kingsley G, Skye K, Leah G, Holly T, Owen L

### Headteacher Awards

The following children were awarded Headteacher Awards at the end of Term 4.

Cezanne - Bentley H

Lowry - Archie F

Nash - Danny C

Matisse - Charlie H

Angelico - Ryan B

Picasso - Alissa P

Monet - Owen L

### Dates

May	8	Year 6 SATS week (National testing week)
	22	PGL Residential Trip (Year 6, 3 days)
	24	Year 1 Parent Lunch
	26	End of Term 5
June	5	INSET DAY - No children to attend
	6	Start of Term 6
	7	Year 6 Magistrate Talk
	7	Year 5 PESE appts.1.30-3.30
	8	Lifeguard Visit and Talks (All year groups)
	8	Year 5 PESE appts.2.00-5.00
	11	Phonics Screening Test Week (Year 1)
	14	Sports afternoon
	15	Year 5 swimming Group 2 starts
	21	Reserve Sports afternoon
	28	Year R Parent Lunch
July	3	KS1 School Trip
	4	KS2 Production - 2pm (this will be a ticketed event and letters will be sent nearer the time)
	5	KS2 Production - 4.30pm (this will be a ticketed event and letters will be sent nearer the time)
	6	Race For Life (afternoon) Cancer Research
	7	INSET DAY - No Children to attend
	13	Open Evening 3:30-4:30 all parents welcome
	10-17	Year 5 Bikeability
	17	Year R School Trip
	19	KS2 School Trip
	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.

Our newsletter can also be seen at [www.newington.kent.sch.uk](http://www.newington.kent.sch.uk)

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