



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

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Attendance

The current Whole School Attendance is 94.1%, which is below the our target of 96%. This has fallen since the last newsletter and is partly due to the weather conditions last Friday when some children were not able to get in to school and illness that has affected some classes. We very much hope that our attendance rate will begin to rise during the next few months as the weather improves. Well done to the 27 children who were in school everyday during Term 1 and Term 2

Bad Weather / Snow Severe Weather

Following recent snowy weather we wanted to remind you of what we will do if the school is not open. We will send a text message if the school is unable to open or will open later and information will also be posted on the website: www.newington.kent.sch.uk. Messages will also be put on a twitter account. Please note that should a child be absent due to inclement weather each individual case will be looked at and the Executive Headteacher will decide whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

Staffing

We are sad to let you know that Miss Evers we be leaving us on Friday 3rd February. Miss Evers has obtained a post with a charity. We wish her the very best for the future and ask her to stay in touch with us all.

Uniform (Reminder)

Towards the end of last term, we started to see a lot of non-uniform items being worn to school. We ask you to send your children in wearing the correct uniform. Despite this message being on the last newsletter we are still having children wearing trainers to school and other items, like jumpers and cardigans that are not part of our school uniform. 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. We would 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.

Clothing

Please could all parent/carers check that all uniform and coats, hats and scarves, have your child's name in, as we still have many items without names ending up in lost property. If you think your child has lost an item of clothing please come in and check as the lost property is overflowing. Please can we also remind you that all children need a warm coat in school every day over these Winter months.

Star Awards

The following children have received Star Awards since the last newsletter

Cezanne - Ronnie G, Brooke-Leigh P, Pollyanna VE, Eire H

Lowry - Danielle M, Harry S, Danielle M, Zach B

Nash - Danny C, David W, Elcie G, Gracie B

Monet - Charlie H, Georgie L, Millie G, Cody M

Angelico - Joshua S, Katy Y-S, Kiera A, Ben V

Picasso - Marissa J, Charlie G, Tia-Louise A, Alfie B

Monet - Oliver L, Ryan A, Samuel B, Holly T

Presentation Awards

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

Lowry - Arthur L, Freddie T

Nash - Sulaiman, Ayokunle L

Matisse - Killian M, Harry F

Angelico - Scarlett C, Amy B

Picasso - Eimantas F, Alicia B

Monet - Jessica H, Kitty G

Dates

Jan	25	Parent Lunch - Year 5 (only for those already signed up)
Feb	6	Parents' Evening (3.40 - 6)
	7	Safer Internet Day
	7	Sign to Sing
	8	Parents' Evening (5 to 7.30)
	9	Last Day of Term 3
	10	INSET DAY (Children do not attend)
	20	Start of Term 4
	22	Start of Year 6 Bikeability (only for children that have already signed up)
	22	Year 4 Parent Lunch
Mar	22	Year 3 Parent Lunch
	28	Music Celebration - 2pm St. Mary's Church

(Parent Lunch information will be sent directly home by Principals and will require a slip to be returned to school to take part in the lunch event)

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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