



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

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Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing

We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very Happy 2017.

Music Celebration and Christmas Church Service

Our first music Celebration was held in the church giving the opportunity for parents / carers to be able to attend. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Music Celebration and the Christmas Church Service. We were very proud of the children and of all of their hard work. Our plan is to continue to hold the Music Celebrations in the church so that the children can share their work with you in the future.

Uniform

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. 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.

Collection of children

At the end of last term we had a number of children that were not collected for at least 15 minutes after school had finished. School finishes at 3:30pm and children should be collected promptly from the playground at the end of day. Clubs finish at 4.30pm and again we ask for children to be collected on time. Failure to do so will result in a child no longer being able to attend further club sessions. The staff at school are very busy and have other commitments, and we are not able to look after children after the end of day. If there is an emergency, please contact the school office to let us know what has happened. **We cannot guarantee that there will be anyone in school after 4pm.**

Collection of Children by another Adult

If you have arranged for another adult (one who does not normally collect your children on a regular basis) to collect your children you must contact the office directly to give authorisation for this to happen. Children are in the care of the school and the school must be informed properly of collection arrangements as without this information we will not be able to allow your child to go with a different adult.

School Dinners / Principals (Reminder)

Parents who pay for school dinners must ensure that they stay in credit with Principals. From January 2017 children will be given a letter if they have had two meals which have not been paid for. After three meals that are not paid for, Principals will issue a letter explaining that until money has been received the child will not get meals. No further meals will be allowed until the debt has been paid and you will need to provide a packed lunch.

Social Media and Photographs

It has come to our attention that parents are posting images of their children at school events on social media. This is fine if it is just your child, however we are aware that some photographs contain other children and staff members. This is not acceptable as some of our children are not allowed to be photographed and some our staff do not wish for their image to be posted. Please respect staff and other children's privacy by not posting photos of staff or other children on Twitter or other social media. If you have posted images that do contain staff or other children, we ask that you remove them immediately from your social media account. As a result of this we will now have a no photo policy for all

celebration worships (Wednesday worships) and, as before, our policy of no photographs during Church services still stands.

Bikeability - Year 6

A separate letter was sent out re Year 6 Bikeability early December. If you would like your child to take part in Bikeability please return the slip and the £10 payment on or by Friday 13th January.

Clubs

Clubs will start next week, week beginning 9th January and a separate letter has been sent home regarding the clubs on offer. Please keep this letter for reference so that you know when clubs are not running rather than needing to phone the office.

E-Safety Tip / Awareness

Following the recent news story in the press regarding children signing up and agreeing to terms and conditions on various apps and websites, we urge parents / carers to check that they know what apps and sites their children have signed up to. It is claimed that half of 8 to 11 year olds have agreed to terms and conditions with social media firms, some which give social media giants such as Facebook and Instagram control over their data. The full story can be read here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jan/05/children-england-digital-rights-social-media-terms-conditions-anne-longfield>

HT Awards

The following children have received Headteacher Awards for Term 2.

Cezanne - Tom E
Lowry - Archie F
Nash - Shaynie A
Matisse - Caitlin C
Angelico - Ruben L
Picasso - Elliot O
Monet - Jack A

Dates

Jan	25	Parent Lunch - Year 5
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
	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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