



# Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

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**Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing**

Once again it has been a busy but ultimately successful year and I would like to thank everyone for their contributions. It is now time to look forward to next year and inform you of some changes. At the end of term Mrs Godfrey is leaving the school to take up a new position nearer to home. Mr Krafft who is currently Head of School at Lower Halstow School will be taking up the position of Head of School at Newington in September. Miss Miller is leaving Newington as she is moving house and has secured a teaching position in a new area. Miss Shufflebotham is also leaving and is moving to a school in a different area of Kent and Miss Copping is also moving on. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Kennard who is leaving us to go and work as a 1:1 teaching assistant in a different school. We wish Mrs Godfrey, Miss Miller, Miss Shufflebotham, Miss Copping and Mrs Kennard every success in their future career and thank them for their contributions to the school this year.

Miss Young will be getting married during the Summer Holidays and will return in September as Mrs Spencer.

New classes and staffing will be announced in the reports which are due out on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

## Attendance

I am disappointed that whole school attendance has further slipped down to 93.5%. Our target this year is 96%. I am very concerned at the number of absences without contact from parent/carers as to the reason, and remind parent/carers that if your child is absent, to please contact the school before 9.30 am. A number of unauthorised absences over a period of time can result in a penalty notice being issued.

May I also remind you that if your child is arriving after 9.00 am, this is marked as an unauthorised absence and may lead to a penalty notice if a number of late marks accumulate. We would also like to remind you that holidays will not be authorised and again this may lead to a penalty notice being issued.

## Hats and Sun Cream

Please ensure your child has a hat with them to wear at lunchtimes and playtimes. We also encourage parents to put all day sun cream on their children in the morning.

## Accelerated Reader

We are off to a good start this term with 26 children already reaching their Term 6 Accelerated Reader target. Children will have up until lunch time on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July to reach their target. Those who reach it will be entered in to the raffle to win a £10 voucher.

## E-safety Tip

Talk to your child about cyberbullying, just as you would about other kinds of bullying, and encourage them to come to you if anyone ever upsets them when they're on the internet, their mobile or other devices.

We have also recently become aware that many children are uploading videos to their own Youtube channels for others to view. Please ensure if your child is uploading videos on sites like Youtube that the content of their videos are appropriate for anyone else to see.

## PFA (Parent Friends Association) Members Needed

We are still looking for parents to become members of the PFA and to be able to help organise and run events like discos, raffles, Christmas Fayre etc. These events will not run next year unless we have some support. After our last plea we have still not had anyone coming forward to help. Please speak to the office if you can help.

## Adults in and around school

We expect Parents / Carers to dress appropriately and respectfully, this includes no tops with slogans, onesies, and dressing gowns. We have received complaints about some men collecting the children on the playground without a top, we feel this is not acceptable. We would also like to remind you also that we expect adults to use appropriate language and to not be swearing in or around the school site. Please can we also take this opportunity to remind you that the school is a no smoking site and this includes e-cigarettes.

## Feedback

All feedback is important to us however it must come through the correct channels. Comments on social media such as Facebook can often lead to inaccurate information being shared. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please contact the school office who will direct your request to the correct member of staff.

### Earrings - Message from Mr Sapp

Children may not wear earrings during PE lessons, so if you are planning on getting your child's ears pierced then this should be done at the very start of the Summer holiday, as this will allow for the necessary time of keeping earrings in before returning to School in September.

### KS2 Production

We ask that all KS2 children (Years 3-6) stay for the KS2 production of School Daze on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 4:30. We will keep the children after school in order for them to get ready in costumes etc. We will assume your child is staying after school unless you notify us otherwise.

### Clubs

There will be no clubs on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July due to KS2 production. There will also be no clubs week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July and week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### Cricket Competition

Well done to our 9 children who were part of the Year 3/4 cricket team on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The team came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 19 teams. You have made us very proud - your behaviour and sportsmanship was fantastic.

### Race for Life

Our Race for Life will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please remember to wear fancy dress for the day (if you wish) and also to return the back plates on the day or before - saying I race for life for..... You may wish to include photos or names on these. We will collect donations for Cancer Research in the morning on the gate as the children arrive.

### Children's Personal Possessions

We ask that children do not bring in lots of their own possessions - this includes toys, stationery (own pencil cases with rubbers, rulers, pencils etc.) and anything else that they may feel is valuable. We have heard that some children have been swapping items and other items have gone missing. We will not take responsibility for any items that come into school.

### Chewing Gum / Fizzy drinks / Energy Drinks

Chewing gum, fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in school and will be removed from any children who do bring them in to school.

### Presentation Awards

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

Cezanne - Gabriella A, Esmae M, Maisy C  
Lowry - Amelia A, Maisie N, Jackson B, Maisie N  
Nash - All of Nash, Shaynie A, Harry H, Happy O  
Matisse - Ben L, Charlie H, Ellen M, Ellen M  
Angelico - Sydnie T, Summer-Rose T, Amy B, Millie C  
Picasso - Sophie T, Hannah S, Elle W, Charlie H  
Monet - Holly T, Oliver L, Katie J, Skye K

### Star Awards

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

Cezanne - Bentley H, Jessica-Marie B, Harrison H, Olivia B, Irene O, Max G  
Lowry - All of Lowry, Sydnie L, Arthur L, David E, Bobby M, Kylie B, Zach B, Archie F  
Nash - Sulaiman A, Kaiden P, Kaiden P, Shiylah H, Sam D, Jamine M, Harshil P, Archie W  
Matisse - Tijesupemi FA, Caitlin C, Amy L, Shakira M, Lilly C, Ellen L, Millie G, Maisie-Jane P  
Angelico - Ewan B, Millie C, Katy Y-S, Ruben L, Ruby F. Denver S, Niamh M, Ben V  
Picasso - Grace T, Ella M, Charlie G, Mackenzie C, Alicia B, Alfie B, Sophie T  
Monet - Ryan A, Maddison T, Marcus B, Maddison C, Holly T, Samuel B, Owen L, Tijesunimi FA

### HT Awards Term 5

The following children received Headteacher Awards at the end of Term 5

Cezanne - Jayden V  
Lowry - Amelia A  
Nash - Mckenzie A  
Matisse - Hope C  
Angelico - Scarlett C  
Picasso - Sam H  
Monet - Marcus B

### Dates

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
	6	Reports home to parents
	7	INSET DAY - No Children to attend
	13	Open Evening 3:30-4:30 all parents welcome
	10-11	Year 5 Bikeability (only children that have already returned slips and paid)
	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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