



# Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Summer Term 1

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**Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing**

## Attendance

I am disappointed that whole school attendance has further slipped down to 93.7%. 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.

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

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.

## 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. After our last plea we have had no one coming forward to help.

## Respecting Our Neighbours / Other Road Users

We would like to remind everyone that we take pride in our community. As such please ensure you respect our neighbours, parents and pupils when coming to and from school. This includes parking, language and litter.

We would once again also like to remind you that you may also park in the church car park at drop off and collection times. This seems to still be very empty and would be an easy place to walk from to collect your children safely.

Please be aware of other road users when parking near to school and driving in the lanes.

## School Site

There have been a number of incidents recently on site between parents. We ask parents / carers to respect each other. Please be aware that we can ban parents from the school site if incidents arise.

## School Dinners

Please ensure that dinner money is put directly in the black safe, at reception. Please also ensure your child knows what they are having at lunchtime as if they request a school meal without knowing you have prepared a packed lunch you will be charged for the meal.

## Accelerated Reader

Well done to Tijesupemi in Year 3 who has become our latest Word Millionaire having read over 1 million words since the start of September. We have 6 other millionaires. 57 children have reached their target this term. Well done. As a school from years 2 to 6 we have read just over 35 million words, will we be able to achieve 40 million words by the end of the year.

## E-Safety Tip

Talk to your child about keeping safe online and appropriate comments and messages that your child are sending, when they are on the internet, their mobile or other devices. The NSPCC and O2 polled mothers and fathers with youngsters aged eight to 13 and found that less than a fifth of parents are having frequent conversations with their children about staying safe online, when actually they comment that it is just as important as road safety.

## KS2 Production

The KS2 Production, 'School Daze', will take place on the following days:-

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June @ 2.00pm KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 4th July @ 2.00pm KS2 Production to Parent/Carers

**NB. We ask that Parent/Carers do not bring babies or Preschool children**

Wednesday 5th July @ 4.30pm KS2 Production to Parent/Carers.

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A separate letter will be sent out to parents of Key Stage 2 children to obtain tickets for these events, as space is very limited in our hall. This will be sent out early in June. Parents must bring tickets with them to each of the productions to obtain entry.

**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.

**Presentation Awards**

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

Cezanne - Olivia B, Faith O, Eire H, Brooke P

Lowry - David E, Sam D, Harry S, Jackson B

Nash - David W, Blake M, Max L, Zak B

Matisse-Jamie S, Chloe M, Ben A, Maisie-Jane P

Angelico - Ryan B, Millie C, Millie K, Olivia BR

Picasso - Marissa J, Charlie G, Toby A, Hayleigh TR

Monet - Tristan S, Kitty G, All of Monet, Ruby W

**Star Awards**

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

Cezanne - Gabriella A, Bobby M, Jessica-Marie B, Dayle S, Maisie S, Bentley H, Henry T, Layla A

Lowry - Freddie T, Amelia A, Danielle M, Arthur L, Sam D, Danielle M, Arthur L, Amelia A

Nash - Billy W, Shaynie A, Lily G, Mckenzie A, Sulaiman A, Happy O, Niamh M, Ben V

Matisse - Charlie H, Cody M, Ben L, Finn T, Jamie S, Harrison E, Amy L, Harvey T

Angelico - Millie K, Joshua T, Ben V, Keira A, Tommy T, Lilly-Mai N, Harry H, Sophie G

Picasso - Freddie W, Elliot O, Mackenzie C, Hannah S, Ella M, Elle W, Elliot O, Charlie H

Monet- Ruby W, Harry C, Oliver L, Holly T, Jack A, Owen L, Hayley T, Tristan S

**Dates**

May 26 Pentecost Service 2pm at St. Mary's Church

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 School Mock Election

8 Year 5 PESE appts.2.00-5.00

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|      | 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 (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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**Secondary School Open Days**

**Fulston Manor School** will be on:

Wednesday 11th October 2017 10.00 am - 12.00 midday and 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Thursday 12th October 2017 10.00 am - 12.00 midday and 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

**Higsted Grammar School** will be on:

Thursday 8 June 2017 4:30 - 8pm.

**Borden Grammar School** will be on:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 6pm -8.15pm and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 10-11:30am