



Newington News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation
Autumn Term 2 December 2016

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Attendance

Our attendance has fallen over the last few weeks and is currently at 94.5% for the whole school and we want to continue to work with you to improve this to at least 96%. Over the past few weeks there have been many illnesses that both staff and children have had and we know it does take some time to recover from these. We are hoping that there will be less illnesses over the next few months, so that our attendance will improve. Please remember that the school can give medication to pupils during the day if we have a signed parental consent form. Please speak to the office if you require further information.

Medical evidence

Please can we remind all parents that it is useful to see evidence of Doctors' appointments and Hospital appointments. These can be shown before going if you have them, or after you have been. It helps us to be able to authorise the absence and mark it down as a medical appointment, rather than an unauthorised absence. Other medical evidence may be a prescription from your GP or showing the school the prescribed medication bottle or box to help us authorise absence periods.

Staff News

We are sad to let you know that Mrs Eglinton we be leaving us at the end of this term to spend more time with her family. We wish her the very best for the future and ask her to stay in touch with us all.

School Dinners / Principals

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 a packed lunch will be needed.

Strictly the Nativity

Well done to all of the children in KS1 and the staff for a fantastic KS1 production. Thank you to parents / carers for helping the children learn their lines and providing them with costumes.

Poppy Appeal / Clay Poppies

Thank you for your support in buying poppies and the other merchandise that was on offer. We are pleased to let you know that we sold 91 poppies making a total of £273. We also raised £290.51 through selling the Royal British Legion poppies and other merchandise. We are very pleased to donate the overall total of £563.51.

Children in Need

£141.30 was raised for Children in Need. Thank you for all your donations and supporting this fundraiser.

Christingle Children's Society Boxes

Thank you so much for sending your children in with the Christingle Children's Society boxes. We received 107 boxes back full of loose change. Rev Amanda has counted it all and we have donated an amazing £352.09 to The Children's Society.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is in the School entrance. Please make sure that all envelopes are addressed with the full name of the child and their class or year group.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 21st December we are inviting the children to wear a Christmas Jumper or to decorate a jumper to make it Christmassy! (As we do not want people to have to go and buy a jumper). Children will be able to wear their festive jumpers for a suggested £1 donation. All monies raised will go to charity - Save the Children. It is also the day of the Christmas Service so we encourage parents to join the fun as we celebrate in church.

Conduct of Adults - Reminder

We ask that if parents are walking past the school playground during play times and lunchtimes that they do not shout across the playground or speak to children at the fence, even if it is to your own children.

Lost Property

Once again, we have a lot of lost property in the entrance hall area. Please can you make sure that all items of clothing are named including hats, scarves and gloves.

Music Celebration (Reminder)

We will be hosting a music celebration afternoon at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 20th December at 2pm. The children have been working hard on songs and music for this event. Parents are welcome to attend although there is limited space in the church as always.

Christmas Service

The Christmas Service will be held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 21st December at 2.00 p.m. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the PFA for organising and running the Christmas Fayre. There was a really good turn out. We raised £428.

Parent Lunches

We have worked with Principals to reorganise Parent Lunches. They will be spread across the year and each class will have a set date for 1 parent per family to come to school and have lunch. Also space is very limited so we ask that you do not bring other young children. (This is purely to have lunch, parents will not have an opportunity to go out to play with their children).

Wednesday 25th Jan - Year 5 Picasso Class

Wednesday 22nd Feb - Year 4 Angelico Class

Wednesday 22nd March - Year 3 Matisse Class

Principals will send out information on how to book nearer the time for each class. The rest of the classes will follow in year group order between March and July. We will let you know the dates with plenty of notice once.

E-safety Tip - Tech Gifts This Christmas

Visit this website for advice on new gadgets that you might be buying or have bought for Christmas. There is lots of helpful advice on safety features and a parent's guide to technology.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/tech-gifts-this-christmas->

Year 6 Singing at Newington Court Care Home

Year 6 went with Mrs Witherden and Miss Young to Newington Court Care Home on Tuesday 13th December to sing carols to the residents. They sang beautifully and represented our school well.

KNEX Challenge Event

Children in Year 4 took part in a Federation KNEX challenge on Monday 5th December. They all enjoyed the event and thought very creatively about their designs. Ellie-Mae D, Ella H and Millie C, all from Newington, won the event. On Wednesday 15th December the three girls went to BAE Systems in Rochester with Mrs Coleman to take part in the regional final. They did not win this event, but did very well in creating a structure that spanned the distance of the two zip wires and would move along them to carry toy animals. Well done girls, we are very proud of you and are pleased you enjoyed the event.

Mixed Football Competition

On Wednesday 15th December Mr Sapp took 7 children from years 4, 5 and 6 to the Mixed Football Competition at the Oasis Academy on the Isle of Sheppey. Our team did extremely well winning one game, drawing two games and losing one. Well done to all involved, you represented our school very well.

Year 1 Christmas Tea Party

Thank you to the relatives of the Year 1 children who came in for the Year 1 Christmas Tea Party. The children really enjoyed singing their Christmas songs and sharing tea and cakes with you.

Accelerated Reader (Years 2 to 6)

We currently have 40 children who have reached their Accelerated Reader Target this term. There is still time to complete this. All children who have reached their target by lunchtime on Wednesday 21st December will be entered into the raffle to win a £10 voucher. As a school we have read over 14 million words so far this year which is wonderful.

Presentation Awards

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

Lowry - Jackson, Riley M, Archie F, Zach B
Nash -Olivia H, Zak B, Danny C, Gracie B
Matisse -Harry F, Riley S, Kara W, Killian M
Angelico - Denver S, Amy B, Millie C, Jamie W
Picasso -Grace T, Mackenzie C, Elliot O, Hayleigh TR
Monet - Aimee M, Lacie-Shannon M, Marcus B, Kingsley G

Star Awards

The following children have received Star Awards since the start of the year.
Cezanne - Irene O, Maisie S, Dayle S, Max G, Pollyanna VE, Thomas E, Bentley J, Lily J
Lowry - Zach B, Archie F, Zach B, Freddie T, Danielle M, Jasmine M, David E, Alfie C
Nash - Ellie B, Mackenzie A, David W, Nelson K, Elcie G. Shaynie A, Freddie J, Blake M
Matisse - Alexis H, Harvey T, Ben A, Harry F, Riley S, Ben L, Tijesupemi FA, Maisie-Jane P
Angelico -Ben V, Tommy F, Keira A, Ryan B, Ella H, Ellie-Mae D, Tommy T, Ewan B
Picasso - Malachi C, Charlie G, Sophie T, Alfie B, Ella M, George P, Freddie W, Sam Harvey
Monet -Marcus B, Ryan A, Maddison T, Owen L, Katie J, Nicole W, Holly T, Tijesunimi FA

Dates

Dec	16	Ladies Gillingham Football Player, Lauren Davis in school
	19	End of Term 2 reports out
	20	Celebration Music celebration at St. Mary's Church 2pm
	21	Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church 2pm
	21	End of Term 2
Jan	3	Start of Term 3 (children to attend)

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 time:

School number 01795 842300

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C.M. Walker

Executive Headteacher

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ARE YOU A FUN FAMILY WHO ARE UP FOR LOADS OF LAUGHS?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES TO TAKE PART IN
AN EXCITING NEW MINI-PILOT (NON BROADCAST).

CRITERIA: FAMILIES OF TWO ADULTS & TWO KIDS AGED 9-13 YRS.

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