



New End News



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See the future  ... it starts here!

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Christmas at New End

To say that this week has been extraordinary would be putting it mildly!

Thanks again to everyone for their understanding about the **forced closure** last Friday and the changes to **entry arrangements** due to the snow and ice. **The children coming up into class straight from the playground worked very effectively - there was no time wasted in lining up, no queues on the stairs and classes (and parents) were able to get on with their days without delay. It was so effective that we are going to continue with this approach. The gates will continue to open at 8.50 and the children should use the three doors (west, infant and south playgrounds) to go straight up to class where their teachers will be waiting. Reception and Nursery should continue to go in through their usual doors. Please try to avoid the main entrance unless you have to speak to someone.**

The **Christmas performances** this week certainly put everyone into a festive mood. Congratulations to all the children for the hard work and energy they put into their performances. Thanks to all the staff in classes throughout the school who were involved in supporting the children as they prepared, rehearsed and performed. Particular thanks to Maria Walker for her support and performances of the musical arrangements - a true New End star! Thank you to everyone for being so understanding about the space limitations. I'm already looking forward to the 2018 performances. (Any photos gratefully received! Send to head@newend.camden.sch.uk) PS Parents are reminded that if you took photographs or film during the performances, **these are NOT to be uploaded to any form of social media.**

Today we have enjoyed a wonderful **Christmas lunch**. Thanks to Jo and his team in the kitchen for making sure we were all well fed! The children looked fantastic in their **Christmas jumpers** today. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the **Save the Children** fund. If you have yet to do so, please bring in your gold coin tomorrow.

And finally, thank you to everyone who quickly responded to OFSTED's request for information about our school and for all your support during their visit on Tuesday. We will be pleased to share the report with you in January.

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Events over the next Week

- ◆ School closes tomorrow at 1.30pm
- ◆ Tues, 2nd Jan INSET DAY
- ◆ Wed, 3rd Chn return

Attendance and Punctuality Update

Here is the last week's attendance and punctuality.

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RG	93.27%	1.92%	4 (4)
RS	97.62%	0% 😊	2 (1)
1D	94.62%	0% 😊	6 (3)
1K	94.79%	1.56%	7 (4)
2B	98.21%	0% 😊	3 (2)
2E	96.30%	0% 😊	3 (3)
3C	84.82%	0% 😊	3 (3)
3P	95.54%	0.89%	3 (3)
4T	96.30	0.46%	3 (2)
4W	94.64%	0% 😊	5 (3)
5H	94.44%	0.93%	6 (5)
5W	92.31%	1.92%	3 (1)
6G	91.81%	0.86%	5 (2)
6J	93.53%	1.29%	7 (6)

Well done RS, 1D, 2B, 2E, 3C and 4W- 0% unauthorised absence last week!

Attendance across the school last week was 94.02%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.71%. Remember that good attendance is seen as 96% or better. Attendance to date this academic year is 95.73% with an unauthorised absence level of 0.49%. Let's keep working together to improve these figures even further! Parents and carers are reminded that any absence from school is considered an absence on your child's record.

There were 60 lates last week (3 less than the previous week) involving 42 children (4 less than the previous week) throughout the school. **Let's make sure we improve this!** This week, all the children who were late last week spent the time they lost in class reading during Monday play. This will continue on a weekly basis.



PLEASE REMEMBER...Permission for time off during the school term is only granted in exceptional circumstances. This does not include early get aways for holidays or holidays in general. **SCHOOL CLOSSES TOMORROW AT 1.30pm.** Permission must be sought from the Headteacher using an application form which is available from the school office.

Safety in School - School Closure

Last week's school closure and relaying information about the school opening despite the snow, demonstrated how effective the systems are in getting news out to parents via email and text. Thanks to the class reps who reinforced the messages through their class lists as well.

It did however highlight the following point that was put in last week's newsletter:

- *Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details. We continue to find that we are unable to contact some parents during the day because they have moved, changed their mobile phone number or no longer have a land line. It is vitally important that we are able to contact you during the day. Sometimes children become unwell and they need to get home and be looked after by their parents and carers.*

The system we use only allows us to send one text per family. The contact name that you recorded first should have therefore received the texts last Friday. If you need to change the priority, please contact the school office directly.

Parents who wish to be on the school's email list for the newsletter should also email head@newend.camden.sch.uk. Remember...although you may have recorded an email on your application form when joining the school, we can only send emails to you if you have notified us. We do not have access to any information that you might have passed onto your class rep - nor do they have access to any information we hold.



Kidsoosa

Extended Hours December 15th

Due to insufficient interest, Kidsoosa will not open TOMORROW.

Don't forget...

"Our School, Our Community, Our World"

New End Photography Competition

New End will be holding its annual art exhibition from 9th - 12th January 2018. This year we are focusing on scape drawings, paintings and collages.

To help us celebrate our exhibition, we are encouraging families to take and contribute a photograph based around the theme "Our School, Our Community, Our World". We will then exhibit as many as possible around the school.

Entries must be submitted by Thursday, 4th January 2018. Please send via email to head@newend.camden.sch.uk.

Get involved and get snapping! **Certificates for everyone submitting a photograph!**

PS We have a couple of entries already - don't miss out on getting your entry in!

House Point Competition

Congratulations to **KENWOOD** who won the week's house competition. Well done to all those children who received a house badge last week. Keep up your efforts everyone to help your team!



Star Assemblies

Children achieving stars will be received their letters this week with the special assemblies being held on Friday, 5th January 2017.

In addition to the regular stars, all children who have 100% attendance and have no late marks recorded during the Autumn term (Monday, 4th September - Friday, 15th December) will receive a star at a special attendance assembly. These letters will go out tomorrow. Currently there are 82 children in line to make this wonderful achievement!

Times for these different assemblies are as follows:

- Perfect Attendance and Punctuality - 9.15am
- Rec, Years 1 to 6 - 10am



A Message from Camden

Apply now for a Camden primary school

In Camden an amazing 98% of children attend primary schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted - higher than almost anywhere else in the country. Pupils in Camden perform well above the national average in test results for 11 year-olds. In 2016 provisional figures show 60% of Camden's primary pupils achieving the national standard and above in reading, writing and maths - well above the national figure of 53%. Our schools also offer fantastic arts, sports and enrichment opportunities, including visits by top theatre companies and world-leading companies, and access to some of the best performance venues, museums and galleries in the world on our doorstep.

You need to **apply for a 2018 reception place** before **15 January 2018** if your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014. You can name up to six school preferences.

Find out more:

Apply online now. Visit our primary admissions web page -

<http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/education/camden-schools/primary-schools/primary-admissions/>

If you have any questions, email admissions@camden.gov.uk



**Thanks to Pines and Needles
for donating New End's
Christmas tree this year!**

Pines and Needles are opening a New Christmas Tree pop up store close to our school. Christmas isn't Christmas until you've chosen your tree and their experts (dressed in Kilts and Santa hats!) will be on hand to help you select the perfect tree. It's a great family day out and they even have a delivery service from stores to local postcodes for an extra cost. It couldn't be easier! You can find them here:

Hampstead Ln
Highgate
London
NW3 7JR
8am - 9pm

Use code **KEN17** to get a free gift with purchase in store. We look forward to seeing you there!

And Finally

Thanks for a great first term.

Enjoy the festive season! Happy Christmas! Happy New Year! See you in 2018.

Continue to take care of yourselves and look out for each other.

Karyn Ray Headteacher

P.S. School closes at 1.30pm tomorrow.

2017-2018 Dates for your Diary

Tues, 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wed, 3 rd January	Children return for the start of the Spring term
Fri, 5 th January	Star Assemblies
W/B 8 th January	Art Exhibition
Tues, 9 th January	CSSA Football - Twilight
Tues, 23 rd January	CSSA Football - Twilight
Mon, 29 th January	3P Class Assembly
Mon, 5 th February	4T Class Assembly
Mon, 12 th - Fri, 16 th February	Half Term
Fri, 23 rd February	Star Assemblies
Mon, 5 th March	1D Class Assembly
Mon, 12 th March	4W Class Assembly
Mon, 19 th March	3C Class Assembly
Mon, 26 th March	RS Class Assembly
Thurs, 29 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon, 16 th April	Children return for the start of the Summer term
Fri, 20 th April	Star Assemblies
Mon, 30 th April	R6 Class Assembly
May	KS1 (Y2) Testing Period
Thurs, 3 rd May	INSET DAY / POLLING DAY
W/B 14 th May	Year Six SATs
21 st - 25 th May	Year Six School Journey
Mon, 21 st May	1K Class Assembly
Mon, 28 th May - Fri, 1 st June	Half Term
Fri, 8 th June	Star Assemblies
W/B 11 th June	Year One Phonic Screening
Mon, 11 th June	Nursery Class Assembly
Mon, 18 th June	2B Class Assembly
Fri, 20 th July	Last Day of Academic year - School closes at 1.30pm
Mon, 23 rd July	INSET Day

IF A DATE CHANGES OR IS ADDED, IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS SECTION.