



New End Primary School
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Newsletter No 2
Thursday, 15th September 2015

Events Next Week

Fri, 16th NESAs Welcome Class Tea
Sun, 18th Y6 Table Top Sale - South
Playground - all welcome
W/B 19th Instrumental Lessons begin
Wed, 21st Sec Transfer Meeting -
9.15am
Thurs, 22nd Sec Transfer Meeting -
6.30pm
Fri, 23rd Year One Class Tea

Respecting our Neighbours and Local Community

As a school we talk a lot about respect. Respect in the classroom. Respect in the playground. Respect around the school. Respect for our peers. Respect for those older than us. Respect for those younger than us. Respect for those in our school. Respect for the wider community.

A number of local residents have been in contact commenting on the illegal double parking, horn blowing as a result of cars parking and blocking the streets, dogs being left chained on railings and the noise levels at the beginnings of the day after children have gone into class and at the end of the days prior to and after the children are collected.

Please show consideration to our neighbours and remember that this is a residential area where we all reside, and as such, would not want to upset or offend anyone. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year Group Meetings

Thank you to those parents in Year Three, Four, Five and Six who have already attended the year group meetings.

Remember, these year group meetings will provide parents with information about class routines as well as sharing news on the areas of learning being covered during the year. They will also give you the opportunity to meet the adults working across the year group. All meetings will start at 9am in the first floor hall on the following dates so please come along!

Friday, 15th Sept

Year 2

Monday, 18th September

Year 1

Tuesday, 19th September

Reception

Tuesday, 4th October

Nursery

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

DON'T FORGET - Secondary Transfer Meetings

Parents with children in Year 6 will soon have to make decisions about secondary schools for next September. We will be holding two meetings to discuss the move into secondary school on Wednesday, 21st Sept at 9am and repeated on Thursday, 22nd Sept at 6.30pm. Parents of children in Year 4 and 5 who will have to make decisions in the next year or two may also find it useful to attend.

We are also holding our Meet the Parents **evening** on Thursday, 29th September from 6.00 to 7.30pm. Parents from all year groups can come and ask questions from a friendly semi-circle of up to 12 parents and children from Achland Burghley, Hampstead, Haverstock, Parliament Hill and William Ellis schools. This is a really useful way of getting down-to-earth information about the secondary schools on our doorstep. We hope to see you there.

PS These meetings are to provide information for adults, not children.

Photographs and Videos - A Reminder

Throughout the year there are many opportunities where teachers take photographs or video important events such as assemblies for use on displays around the classroom and school. These help enrich the learning of the children and ensure that our school environment always looks exciting. **If you do not wish your child to be videoed or photographed, please make an appointment to discuss this issue with me.**

Celebrating Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to the following children who had 100% attendance during the 2015-2016 academic year:

Mia (now Reception)
James (now Year 2)
Zeren (now Year 5)
Amalia (now Year 6)
Tajdeen (now Year 7)

These children will receive a star at the next star assembly in November.

Moving forward in 2016-2017, all children who have 100% attendance and have no late marks recorded during each term will receive a star at a special attendance assembly.

An interesting piece of information...If children are to achieve their potential, good attendance and punctuality are critical. The link between attendance and achievement is well documented. Figures from the DFE demonstrate this very clearly. Its most recent study on this matter found that in general the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of KS2. In particular, pupils with no absence are 1.6 times more likely to achieve national expectations or above, and 4.7 times more likely to achieve above national expectations, than pupils that missed 15-20 per cent of all sessions.

Children who are late miss valuable learning time and disrupt the learning of their peers and their teacher's teaching.

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55AM. BE ON TIME - REMEMBER...GOOD HABITS START EARLY!

PS Please remember that medical and dental appointments should be made wherever possible after school. However, if circumstances dictate that your child has a hospital, doctor or dentist appointment during the school day, please ensure that you bring in the appointment letter or card to the office as we require proof for our records.

Parking Dispensation Permits for 16/17 - A Reminder

New End have received from the Council a very small number of permits in line with the policy to reduce them to zero. This year the permits are strictly for **15 minutes** and there are separate morning (drop-off) and afternoon (pick-up) permits.

Parents who believe there are extenuating circumstances whereby you believe a permit is absolutely essential, are asked to put their request in writing to the school office **by 9am on Friday, 16th September**. However this will still not guarantee a permit. Please note that parents who had a permit last school year will not automatically receive one this year. **Application forms are available from the office.**

Year 6 Table Top Sale

Sunday 18 September 11am - 1pm

Year 5/6 Playground

50p entry

Come along for lots of bargains and help us raise money for the Year 6 Leavers Fund. Please donate any gently used items: books, household goods, toys, clothing. You can leave them at the school office on Friday or contact chair@newendschoolassociation.co.uk to make arrangements.

2016-2017 Dates for your Diary

Wed, 28 th September	NESA AGM / Coffee with Karyn - 9.15am
Thurs, 29 th September	Meet the Parents Secondary Meeting - 6pm
Fri, 30 th September	CSSA Cross Country
Fri, 30 th September	Year Two Class Tea
Sat, 1 st October	NESA International Food Fair
Fri, 7 th October	Year Three Class Tea
W/B 10 th October	Open Classroom Sessions - 9.15-9.45am - more to follow
Fri, 14 th October	Year Four Class Tea
W/B 17 th October	Parent-Teacher Meetings
24 th - 28 th October	Half Term
Tues, 1 st November	4-6pm CSSA Football begins (for 14 weeks)
Wed, 4 th November	Star Assemblies
Fri, 4 th November	Melissa Dando and Josie Holloway's Retirement Assembly
Fri, 4 th November	Year Five Class Tea
Wed, 9 th November	Governing Body Meeting
Fri, 11 th November	Year Six Class Tea
Wed, 16 th November	Coffee with Karyn - 9.15am
Fri, 18 th November	Nursery Class Tea
Sun, 20 th November	NESA Winter Fair
Fri, 25 th November	Reception Class Tea
Fri, 2 nd December	NESA Class Tea
Tues, 13 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Fri, 16 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term - 1.30pm finish
19 th Dec - 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Tues, 3 rd January	INSET DAY
Wed, 4 th January	Children return for the start of the Spring Term
Wed, 1 st February	Governing Body Meeting
13 th - 17 th February	Half Term
Tues, 21 st February	CSSA Football Playoffs
Tues, 28 th February	CSSA Football Finals
Fri, 31 st March	Last Day of Spring Term
1 st April - 17 th April	Holidays
Tues, 18 th April	Children return for the start of the Summer Term
Thurs, 20 th April	CSSA Swimming Gala
May	KS1 (Y2) Testing Period
Mon, 1 st May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Thurs, 4 th May	School Closed - INSET Day / Polling Day
Mon, 8 th - Fri 12 th May	KS 2 / Year 6 SATs
Tues, 9 th May	CSSA Y3/4 Football
Wed, 10 th May	CSSA Y3/4 Football
Wed, 10 th May	Governing Body Meeting
Tues, 16 th May	CSSA Y3/4 Football Finals
Tues, 23 rd May	Year Six School Journey Meeting - 6.30pm
29 th May - 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th - 9 th June	Year Six School Journey
Thurs, 8 th June	CSSA Football Tournament
Fri, 9 th June	CSSA Football Tournament
W/B 12 th June	Year One Phonic Screening
Wed, 14 th June	CSSA Cricket
Tues, 20 th June	CSSA Athletics
Wed, 5 th July	CSSA Rounders
Wed, 5 th July	Governing Body Meeting
Fri, 21 st July	Last Day of Academic Year - 1.30pm finish
Mon, 24 th July	INSET Day

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - OFTEN BY OUTSIDE FORCES!

IF A DATE CHANGES OR A NEW DATE ADDED IT WILL B DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DID YOU KNOW?

New End Stars

New End has a star system to encourage and reward children. From when children enter the Nursery until they leave at the end of Year Six, the system works as follows:

- Every time a child receives an individual certificate or their class receives a certificate during Friday's Achievement Assemblies, receives a certificate for a project or represents New End at a sporting or outside event, this is noted.
- Once a child has received five certificates, they are awarded with their first star. A star is then awarded every time a child adds another five certificates.
- When a child reaches 5 stars, they also receive a special medal. This is followed by certificates at 10, 15, 20 and 25 stars.

Children achieving stars will be presented with them during a special assembly each half term. Parents are warmly welcome to attend these assemblies. The dates for these assemblies are noted in the diary section.

Music Tuition at New End

All children at New End have a weekly music lesson with our Leader of Music, Maria Walker. These lessons focus on developing the children's singing and composing and playing percussion instruments.

Children in Year Four also have a weekly recorder lesson as part of the borough's Wider Opportunity programme.

If you want your child to learn an instrument, forms are available from the school office. We currently have some spaces available for violin tuition. These lessons take place during the school day and your child is removed from class for these lessons

School Clubs

Forms were due **THIS MORNING at 9.30am**. Parents will be informed by Wednesday, 21st at the latest of the clubs their child has a place in with payment due by Friday, 23rd. Clubs will commence the W/B 26th September. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL CLUBS MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN START. IF THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH PAYMENT, YOU MUST SPEAK TO MS RAY.**

Welcome Tea

Tomorrow the members of the NESAs Committee are hosting a tea to both welcome our new families to New End and say welcome back to all other members of the school community.

The teas are usually held in the Infant Playground at the end of the school day on the Friday dates specified. If it is raining, the teas are held in the ground floor hall. Each year group takes it in turn to host the tea and are responsible for bringing in yummy treats to sell.

We hope to see you all there! **NESA**

PS Class Tea dates for this term are included in the dates section.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ms Ray has been working her way through holiday projects. There has been such a variety of work - from holiday diaries to PowerPoint presentations, home-made games to created websites, and information based projects on so many different subjects! Well done to all the children who did such great work. Children will be receiving a certificate and little note about their project as soon as they are read!

Electronic Newsletter - A Reminder

Parents and carers are reminded that a copy of the newsletter can be sent electronically if preferred to a paper copy. If you wish to receive the newsletter electronically, just email me at: head@newend.camden.sch.uk and I will add you to a year group list. Unless I hear otherwise, I will keep sending emails to those parents who requested the newsletter in this format last year. Parents on this list will also receive information by email about short notification when the school has to be closed (e.g. inclement weather causing sufficient staff not being able to get into school, dangerous condition of playground / building, etc). If you would like your name to be added to this list but still want to get a paper copy of the newsletter each week, just drop me an email.

For the next couple of weeks whilst we are in transition, all children will receive a paper copy even if parents receive an electronic copy as we do not want anyone to miss out on important information.

Kidsoosa@New End Breakfast and After School Club

Kidsoosa, which operates the after school club on site from 3.30 to 6pm each school day, has a few places for parents that might require childcare. Please contact helen@kidsoosa.com if you are interested.

Letter-join

Thanks to NESAs, New End buys into the Letter-join Handwriting Scheme. Any of our children wishing to practise their handwriting at home can log in to the Letter-join website on iPads and tablets as well as desktops and laptop computers. There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources we use at school. Logins have been or will be handed out at year group meetings (or sent home in book bags if you are unable to attend.) We have a limited number of users who can log in to this account, so please only log in with this username and password/swipe code for your own personal use.

And Finally

We are looking to mark the attendance at New End of well-known individuals in the school reception area. If you happen to know of any past pupils who might be known to the wider public, please let me know.

Karyn Ray Headteacher

PS East Heath Road will be closed southbound until the end of term (December). Please ensure that you leave sufficient time to get to school as other local roads will be busier than normal.