

New End Primary School
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Newsletter No 3
Thursday, 22nd September 2016

Events Over the Week

Thurs, 22nd Sec Transfer Meeting -
6.30pm
Fri, 23rd Year One Class Tea
Wed, 28th NESAs AGM / Coffee with
Karyn - 9.15am
Thurs, 29th Meet the Parents
Secondary Meeting - 6pm
Fri, 30th CSSA Cross Country
Fri, 30th Year Two Class Tea

Beginnings and End of the School Day

Parents and carers are reminded that children remain their responsibility until teachers collect their classes at the start of each day. **From this point forward, gates will not be opened until 8.45am.**

In addition, parents should not be coming up to classrooms with their child as it is causing great congestion on the stairs. This also needs to be adhered to when children arrive late.

Parents and carers are also reminded that, once collected at the end of the school day, playground should be vacated promptly. Clubs run after school in our playgrounds as well as Kidsooso requiring outside space.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will be held on Mondays at 3pm in the Ground Floor Hall. Parents and carers are warmly invited. Below is a list of dates:

23 rd January - 5H	24 th April - 3P
30 th January - RS	15 th May - 1D
6 th February - 5W	22 nd May - 1K
27 th February - 2E	12 th June - Nursery
6 th March - 2N	19 th June - 4T
13 th March - RM	
20 th March - 4W	
27 th March - 3C	

Year Six assemblies are the Production and Leavers' Assembly in July.

Open Classrooms

Open mornings take place in each classroom prior to the Parent - Teacher Meetings. These sessions will provide parents and carers with the opportunity to share some of their child's learning such as looking at their class displays and looking through their child's work. Class teachers have juggled trips, PE, Music, photograph day, etc to agree a date that best suits each year group this term. Classrooms will be opened from 9.15-9.45am on the following dates:

Tuesday, 11 th October	Reception, Year Three, Year Four
Wednesday, 12 th October	Nursery, Year One
Thursday, 13 th October	Year Two, Year Five
Friday, 14 th October	Year Six

We hope to see you there!

Whole School Production

This year our whole school production will take place in the Summer Term. Those parents and carers who have attended previous performances will know that to reach such a high standard, a lot of rehearsal time is required. The new curriculum is particularly busy for Year Six children so the change of date will allow them to get through their curriculum in time for their SATs in May and then leave plenty of time to get the show together. The Year Six children will take the acting roles whilst all classes will perform a song on one of the two performance days.

We are currently exploring the use of an external venue to stage the production. As soon as this has been agreed, we will let you know so that you can get the date in your diary.

DON'T FORGET - Secondary Transfer Meetings


The second parents' meeting about secondary schools for next September is being held tonight, 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.

Celebrating Attendance and Punctuality

Here is last week's attendance and punctuality for all classes from Reception to Year 6.

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RM	95.00%	1.67%	4 (4)
RS	93.18%	0.91%	3 (2)
1D	93.21%	1.43%	4 (3)
1K	93.45%	0.69%	2 (2)
2E	96.67%	0% 	4 (3)
2N	95.20%	3.2%	5 (3)

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
3C	88.89%	6.94%	4 (3)
3P	92.76%	4.48%	4 (3)
4T	93.84%	2.17%	3 (3)
4W	95.15%	0% 	4 (4)
5H	94.07%	0% 	2 (2)
5W	93.93%	0.36%	10 (5)
6J	91.00%	0.33%	4 (3)
6S	94.48%	2.41%	1 (1)

Attendance across the school last week was 93.31%, with an unauthorised absence level of 1.78%. Attendance to date this year is 94.7%, with an unauthorised absence level of 1.86%. Parents and carers are reminded that any absence from school is considered an absence on your child's record. Certain absences are **authorised** (for example if a child is ill, has a medical appointment or there is a bereavement in the family) whilst others are **unauthorised** as the reason provided is not a reason we can approve.

There were 54 lates this week involving 41 children throughout the school. This **MUST** improve! **Letters will be sent to the parents of children who were late more than once in a week from this week. These letters stay on your child's file for the Education Welfare Officer to monitor.**

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent - Teacher Meetings will be held in the final week before the half term break. These meetings will provide you with an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. Class teachers will display the times available closer to the time. Support Teachers (Linda Kennedy, Jane Sedley and Regis Peyraque) will also be available to meet with you if your child receives extra tuition from them.

Contact details

Thank you to everyone who returned their contact details already this academic year. If you have yet to do so, please ensure that you have returned it to the school office ASAP.

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. Some-times children become unwell and they need to get home and be looked after by their parents and carers.

2016-2017 Dates for your Diary

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?

Trip and Performance Contributions

At times we ask for voluntary contributions to fund trips or performances in school. We appreciate that the majority of parents bring in these contributions, for without them, it is not always possible for the trip to go ahead. We always keep the contributions to a minimum. Unfortunately in these times of tightening school budgets, the school cannot afford to make up the difference, which at times can be substantial. Without your support we may need to limit trips in the future so please try to bring in the contributions when requested. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Coffee with Karyn

NESA AGM

**Wednesday, 29th September
9.15am**

Next week's Coffee with Karyn will be a welcome back session and include the NESA (New End School Association) AGM. If you want to become more involved in helping NESA raise valuable funds, please come along to the middle hall.

Other dates for Autumn Term "Coffee with Karyn" meetings are:

Wednesday, 16th November - 9.15am

Nursery and Reception Parents'

Evening

Parents and Carers of children in our Nursery and reception classes are reminded that there is an informal drinks reception on Saturday, 24th September between 7.30 and 9pm.

We hope to see you there.

Please note that this event is just for parents and carers.

School Clubs

Clubs will commence **NEXT WEEK**. Payments are due by tomorrow, Friday, 23rd. **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.**

House Point Competition

All children at New End are placed in one of four houses - Burgh (Blue), Fenton (Red), Keats (Yellow) and Kenwood (Green). The houses were named after houses in and around Hampstead.

Children will remain in the same houses as they were in last year. We have also placed siblings and those children that share the same home into the same house. This should help develop a feeling of family loyalty towards the house. Staff have also been assigned to one of the four houses.

We will ensure continued equality for the house point system across classes, year groups and the school by the placement of new children as they arrive into school.

Each week, children throughout the school earn house points for great attitude, behaviour or learning. These points are then collated and the winning house is announced each week.

This year children will also earn house badges when they reach twelve house points.

Year Six House and Vice captains are being voted on next week by all the children and staff, so I will let you know the results next week.

The New End Cloud System

New End's Behaviour Management Strategy

Parents and carers may have heard their child / children talking about the clouds in their classroom. We have been following this system for a while now but as it is the new year, we have been reminding ourselves about them in assemblies - and so the children wanted us to make sure that you were clear about them too!

Each day is a fresh start - so everyone starts on the **green cloud**. Being on the green cloud shows that the children are working and behaving as we would expect.

If a child needs a reminder to stay focussed on their learning or that their behaviour is starting to disrupt their own or other children's learning - they move to the **orange cloud**. The orange cloud reminds the children that they need to change their behaviour and or attitude. If they do this, the child returns to the green cloud.

If a child cannot improve their behaviour and or attitude whilst on the orange cloud, or if they are involved in any of the following incidents (physical or verbal violence, swearing intentionally to cause offence, bullying or intimidating behaviours, racist or sexist or homophobic remarks) - they move to the **red cloud**. If your child is put on the red cloud, you will be informed by your child's class teacher. In the rare case of repeated presence on the red cloud, this will lead to the parent / carer being contacted by the Head or deputy and informed that their child is being placed on report.

The vast majority of children at New End spend each and every day on the green cloud and should be proud of their continued positive behaviour and attitude and approach to learning. Sometimes children also show extraordinary behaviour and attitude. To mark this, all classes have a **special cloud / star** - some gold, some silver, some glittery! If your child reaches this cloud / star they will receive a certificate that week to mark their achievement.

And Finally

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. Electronic newsletters will go out without a paper copy from next week to those families that have requested it.

Karyn Ray Headteacher