



The Lower Halstow News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Autumn Term

September 2017

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Welcome back to all parent/carers, children, staff and Governors, we hope you had an enjoyable holiday.

Hello from the new Head of School

Having taught at the school for 7 years I feel immensely proud to have become the new Head of School at Lower Halstow. Thank you all for your continuing support and well wishes. It has been a busy and successful first couple of weeks and I am sure we will continue to work well together over the coming year.

The pupils have been working very hard, they are showing great pride in their work, themselves, each other and the school. I have already had the opportunity to work alongside our fantastic PTA and the school council and we have an exciting year ahead of us. I look forward to working with you all over the coming year.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Hayward*

Hello from the Family Liaison Officer

Hello, my name is Zoe Musk and I am the Family Liaison Officer for the Federation so I work across both schools. I will be at Lower Halstow every morning and at Newington in the afternoons. I strongly believe the emotional and well-being needs of children are so important for them to develop and learn so they can reach their full potential. Good communication between parents and school is also essential.

Please feel free to come and speak to me about any concerns and also inform your children that I am here to support them as well. This way we can all work together so that this year can be as happy and productive as possible.

If you wish to talk in detail you may prefer to call or make an appointment.

I hope we can make this year as happy and productive as possible for every child.

Kind regards

Mrs Musk

MacMillian Coffee Morning- September 29th

The PTA will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 29th September. Please come along to enjoy a piece of cake with us to support this worthwhile cause.

All donations of cake are welcome.

Children are invited to wear their own clothes for the day for a £1 donation to the charity.

Children in Need Day - November 17th

We will be supporting Children in Need again this year the children are invited to wear spots for a £1 donation.

Class Newsletters

Class newsletters explaining what the children will be learning and information regarding PE were sent out on Wednesday. Please speak to the office if you did not receive one. All letters will be added to the website.

School Uniform

We have been very pleased with how smart the children have been looking in their school uniforms over the past days. However, we would like to ask that all children have the correct PE kit in school which contains, blue shorts, white T-shirt, black plimsolls and optional trainers. For the winter months only a plain tracksuit may be worn for outside PE.

Celebration and Class Assemblies

We will continue to hold a weekly celebration assembly and in addition to this we plan to give each class a date to hold their own class-led assembly. Parents will be welcome to join us and help celebrate the pupils' hard work. We will be giving you advanced notice of these dates which will allow time for those parents who would need to make alternative arrangements to be able to attend. More details will follow shortly.

Parking

Please be careful when parking in the roads around the school. Please ensure you are not parking in the school access road or blocking the drives of local residents, the school access road and gates.

Westlands Open Evening

We have been informed that Westlands Secondary School will be holding an open evening on Friday 6th October between 6pm and 8pm.

E Safety Tip

At the start of the year we will be discussing E Safety with all the children and we ask that all parents reinforce this message at home.

2017-18 Inset Days

Below is a list of planned INSET days. Pupils must not attend school on these days.

Inset Day - Friday 20 October 2017

Inset Day - Friday 9 February 2018

Inset Day - Monday 23 July 2018

Inset Day - Tuesday 24 July 2018

Diary

September

21 Author Visit

29 Macmillan coffee morning 9am

October

6 Harvest festival -Church 10am

13 Individual and Sibling Photos

13 PTA School Disco 4:30-6pm

16 Parents Eve - 3:40pm - 6:00pm

18 Parents Eve - 5:00pm - 7:30pm

19 Last Day of Term 1 for Pupils

30 Start of Term 2

November

13 Anti Bullying Week

17 Children in Need - wear spots day

December

1 PTA Christmas Fayre 3:30-5

4 KS1 Production Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm

5 KS1 Production for parents 2:00pm

6 KS1 Production for Grandparents 2:00pm

12 Music Celebration - 2:00pm

13 Class Christmas Parties

20 Christmas Church Service - 10am

20 Last Day of Term 2 for Pupils

January

4 Start of Term 3

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.lower-halstow.kent.sch.uk

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