



The Lower Halstow News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Autumn Term 2

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Staff News

Mrs Brown will be leaving us at the end of this term to start a new job. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success in the future. The year 1 children in Rowan class will be taught by Miss Taylor, who joins us with a wealth of experience, and has already met the children. I know she is looking forward to joining the team and meeting you all.

Attendance

Our attendance is currently 94.5% for the whole school and we want to continue to work with you to improve this to at least 96%. We understand that there have been many illnesses just recently and this is why so many children have been off school. Please remember that the school can give medication to pupils during the day if we have 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 record it 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 authorise absence periods. If your child is in KS2 and has a medical appointment, but requires a school dinner on their return to school, this must be ordered by 9:30am.

End of Term Reports

Your child will be bringing home an end of term report. This is a brief update on your child's progress and will form the basis of conversations with your class teacher at the next set of parent's evenings.

School Dinners - Principals

Please be advised that school dinners are provided by Principals. Please contact them with any queries regarding payment and menus.

Christmas Service

The Christmas Service will be held at St Margaret of Antioch Church on Wednesday 21st December at 10.00 p.m. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Baubles - KS1 Production

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

Lost Property

We've a lot of lost property in the entrance hall area. Please make sure that all items of clothing are named including hats, scarves and gloves.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the PFA for organising and running the Christmas Fayre. Once again there was a fantastic turn out and great support - thank you.

Poppy Appeal

We have raised £170.86 for the Poppy Appeal. Well done everyone and thank you for your fantastic support.

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->

Dates

Dec	16	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	19	End of term reports out
	21	Christmas Service - LH Church 10am
	21	End of Term 2
Jan	3	Start of Term 3
	5	Year 5 swimming starts
Feb	6	Parent's Evening 3.40-6.00
	8	Parent's Evening 5.00-7.30
	10	End of Term 3 / INSET DAY - No children to attend
	20	Start of Term 4
Mar	31	End of Term 4
Apr	18	Start of Term 5
May	26	End of Term 5
June	5	INSET DAY - No children to attend
	6	Start of Term 6
July	7	INSET DAY - No Children to attend
	21	End of Term 6

Everyone at Lower Halstow School would like to thank you for all your support throughout 2016. We wish you a very merry Christmas break and a happy New Year!

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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