



The Lower Halstow News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

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Parkinson's Fund Raising

Dear Parents / Carers

One of our friends came to us in the School Council and asked if we could help raise money for Parkinson's UK. She wrote us a letter explaining how her grandad had Parkinson's and that she wanted to help. We wanted to help too and have arranged 'Use Your Head' day on Friday 3rd March.

Everyone at school is invited to make, buy or borrow a wacky hat and wear it into school! We hope that if everyone donates at least a pound, we can raise money for a great cause! We will judge the headwear and the Craziest hats might even win a prize!

We have set up a website for people who want to donate more or from home...

www.justgiving.com/lower-halstow-school

Thank you for reading this and we hope you can make a donation to support us in supporting Parkinson's UK.

From the Lower Halstow School Council

Staffing

Mr Brunton will be leaving us on Friday 31st March. We wish him all the best for the future and a very happy retirement.

Access Road

Please be aware that the access road will be having work carried out in the near future. Dates are yet to be confirmed but work is due to start to repair the fencing. This will mean there will be no access for cars during certain times. We would like to remind parents that the access road is considered part of the school site so smoking and / or parking is prohibited at all times.

Parking

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

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please ensure you keep your children off school for 24 - 48 hours if they experience sickness or diarrhoea. Below is the advice from the NHS website:

Gastroenteritis can spread very easily, so you should wash your hands regularly while you're ill and stay off work or school until at least 48 hours after your symptoms have cleared, to reduce the risk of passing it on.

School Dinners

Please pay for your child's dinner in advance. If debt continues to accumulate after 3 occasions we will not provide a school dinner for your child and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch.

Medicine

Please collect your child's medicine from the school office once they have completed their prescription or are feeling better. A lot of medicines are going uncollected and left at school.

Bad Weather / Snow Severe Weather

Following recent snowy weather we wanted to remind you of what we will do if the school is not open. We will send a text message if the school is unable to open or will open later and information will also be posted on the website: www.lower-halstow.kent.sch.uk. Messages will also be put on a twitter account. Please note that should a child be absent due to inclement weather each individual case will be looked at and the Executive Headteacher will decide whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

PFA Disco

The PFA will be hosting an Oscars themed disco in the school hall on Friday 24th February.

eSafety Tip

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

Dates

Feb	10	End of Term 3 / INSET DAY - No children to attend
	20	Start of Term 4
	24	PFA Disco
Mar	2	Year 5 Group 2 swimming starts
	3	Parkinson's UK fund raising event
	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

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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