



The Lower Halstow News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Spring Term 1

January 2017

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We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very Happy 2017.

Music Celebration and Christmas Church Service

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Music Celebration and the Christmas Church Service. We were very proud of the children and of all of their hard work. Thank you for your support.

Collection of children

At the end of last term we had a number of children that were not collected for at least 15 minutes after school had finished. School finishes at 3:30pm and children should be collected promptly from the playground at the end of day. We also ask for children to be collected from clubs and discos on time. Failure to do so will result in a child no longer being able to attend further club sessions. The staff are very busy and have other commitments, and we are not able to look after children after the end of day. If there is an emergency, please contact the school office to let us know what has happened. **We cannot guarantee that there will be anyone in school after 4pm.**

Collection of Children by another Adult

If you have arranged for another adult (one who does not normally collect your children on a regular basis) to collect your children you must contact the office directly to give authorisation for this to happen. Long term arrangements should be put in writing. Children are in the care of the school and the school must be informed properly of collection arrangements as without this information we will not be able to allow your child to go with a different adult.

Clubs

Clubs will start next week, week beginning 9th January and a separate letter has been sent home regarding the clubs on offer. Please keep this letter for reference so that you know when clubs are not running rather than needing to phone the office.

E-Safety Tip / Awareness

Following the recent news story in the press regarding children signing up and agreeing to terms and conditions on various apps and websites, we urge parents / carers to check that they know what apps and sites their children have signed up to. It is claimed that half of 8 to 11 year olds have agreed to terms and conditions with social media firms, some which give social media giants such as Facebook and Instagram control over their data. The full story can be read here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jan/05/children-england-digital-rights-social-media-terms-conditions-anne-longfield>

Dates

Jan	12	Year 5 Group 1 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	2	Year 5 Group 2 swimming starts
	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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