



The Lower Halstow News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Autumn Term 2

November 2016

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Staff News

We would like to let you know that Mrs Brincat had her baby in October, a little girl. Both are doing very well.

School Dinner Money

We would like to remind parents that dinner money must be paid to Principals in advance. The cost is currently £2.30 and this should be placed in a named envelope and posted in the dinner money box at the school office.

New Entrant Tours

We will be hosting the final tour for 2017 new entrants next week. The tour, hosted by our year 6 pupils, will take place Wednesday 23rd November 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Please sign up at the school office if you wish to attend and inform any friends or family that may be interested.

Pedestrian Safety

We continue to have reports of children playing on scooters or running in the access road at the beginning and end of the school day. The access road is used throughout the day and outside school hours. It is important that pupils remain on the pavement and stay safe. We have also had reports of parents blocking the access road or driving cars at inappropriate speeds. The access road must remain clear at all times as it is an emergency route. We once again ask for your cooperation in this matter.

Christmas Class Parties

Class Parties will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 15th December. Suggestions of food donations will be sent out in due course. A change of clothes can be brought in for the afternoon's festivities.

Children in Need

We are pleased to report we raised £135 for Children in Need through the recent school disco. Thank you to all the members of the PFA who organised the event and to everyone who supported and contributed. If you are interested in joining the PFA please see the school office so we may pass on your details.

Christmas Fayre

The PFA Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 2nd December from 3:30 to 5:00pm. There will be 3 tag days in the build up to the event where children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation towards the stalls: November 18 - Christmas Gift, November 25 - Chocolate, December 2 - Bottles.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are going to join in with Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16th December. Children will be able to wear their festive jumpers for a suggested £1 donation to Save the Children.

KS1 Production & Video Permission

We welcome parent/carers to our KS1 production "Baubles" on 6th and Grandparents and senior citizens on 7th December at 2.00 p.m. We are happy for parent/carers to photograph or video the event but we request that the images are for viewing at home and will not be placed on the internet. We also ask parent/carers not to distract the children when taking flash photographs. If you bring small children please be prepared to take them out if they become noisy. Please also note that the Dress Rehearsal to the whole school takes place on Monday 5th December and request that all KS1 children are present, barring emergencies or illness.

E-safety Tip - Check your settings

Use the privacy and security settings on social media sites so that only friends and family can see your pages.

Then speak to friends and family and encourage them to tighten their privacy settings too as they could affect you.

Even if your account is locked as private, personal information you have shared with others could still be accessed through their pages.

Dates

Nov	18	PFA Non Uniform Day - Gift Donation
	23	Open Afternoon for new entrants - Year R 2017
	25	PFA Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donation
Dec	2	PFA Non Uniform Day - Bottle Donation
	2	PFA Christmas Fair (3.30-5.00)
	6	KS1 Production to parents 2pm
	7	KS1 Production to grandparents 2pm
	14	Christmas Dinner
	14	Music Celebration Assembly 2pm
	15	Christmas Parties
	16	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	21	Christmas Service - LH Church 10am
	21	End of Term 2
Jan	3	Start of Term 3
Feb	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

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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