



The Lower Halstow News

Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

Autumn Term 1

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School Staffing

Mrs Brincat has now left on maternity leave. As I write baby has not yet arrived but we would like to wish her all the best and look forward to meeting Baby Brincat soon!

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.

Coats

As the weather is turning cooler please ensure that your child brings a coat to school. This will be particularly necessary for any walks to church. Please make sure that coats, and all other uniform, have your child's name clearly labelled inside them.

Late Arrival and Late Pick-up

Please ensure children are picked up from school at 3:30pm. If you are unable to pick your child up and you need to send a friend or family member that is unfamiliar to the school, please contact us ASAP so we know who to send the child home with. We would like to remind parents that children can come into school at any time from 8:30am until 8:50am. Any time after this will be considered late and you will have to sign your child in at reception.

Parent's Consultation Evening

Parent's evening will take place 19th October (3:40 - 6:00pm) and 20th October (5:00 - 7:30pm). Please book appointments at the school office. Due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Hayward will be unable to attend 20th October. She will be able to meet with Oak parents Tuesday 1st November 4:30- 7:00pm.

New Entrant Tours

We will be hosting tours for 2017 new entrants in the coming weeks. Tours with members of the senior leadership team will be held on Thursday 10th November from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Tours 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.

INSET Day

There is a Staff Training Day on Friday 21st October. The children return to school on Monday 31st October.

Pedestrian Safety

We ask that all children and Parent/carers use the pavement to walk to and from school and not the road. We have had a number of occasions when adults are unaware of cars on the access road and children are racing up and down the road on their bikes and scooters. Please ensure that all children are with you and supervised at all times in the Access Road.

E-Safety Tip

Internetmatters.org has teamed up with Currys PC World and Carphone Warehouse to offer Digital Drop-ins to help parents and carers. Learn more at <https://www.internetmatters.org/digitaldropin/> There are some local drop-in sessions being held from Monday 17th to Friday 21st October. They are free and are designed to help keep your child safe online.

What can I learn at a Digital Drop In?

Learn what your children may be doing online
Set-up parental controls & privacy settings
Advice on how to stay involved in their digital world

Dates

Oct	19	Parent's Evening 3.40-6.00
	20	Parent's Evening 5.00-7.30 (Not Oak)
	21	End of Term 1 / INSET DAY - No children to attend
	31	Start of Term 2
Nov	1	Oak Parent's Evening 4:30 - 7:00
	10	New Entrant Tours - Year R 2017
	14-18	Anti-bullying Week
	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
	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	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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