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Newsletter

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Message from Mr. Krafft & Mrs. Deevoy

As a school we were making huge strides in improving our attendance figures and reducing the number of pupils who were late or persistently absent. Unfortunately, covid struck and schools up and down the country have struggled to return to pre-covid attendance levels – we are no different.

Now, more than ever, it is important that children access a full and consistent education. After numerous years of disruption, pupils need to catch up with missed learning as well as continuing to build for their futures. It is clear from our data that poor attendance and lateness is having a negative impact on the progress of those pupils. In the spirit of openness, it is important to share that the school is also being judged by the local authority and Ofsted on its attendance levels.

This is not a message aimed at chastising or threatening consequences, it is more an appeal for mutual support. We understand that at the end of term we faced difficult weather conditions, usual winter illnesses and let's not ignore the scary stories reported in the national media.

We want to work together to get the overall attendance level back up to 96%. The school are here to support you in any way we can. We, the team and especially Mrs Musk, can work with you or your children if they are finding things difficult and we are looking at ways to normalise

good attendance for the pupils – any suggestions on this front would be welcome.

So, from here on you may have more members of staff calling to see how things are going if your children are off school and we will be shutting the office for payments and general enquiries from 8:50 – 9:50 to ensure attendance can be our priority first thing in the morning. Please ensure your children are here by 8:45 every morning as this is when lessons start.

We know you will support us in this, the same as you always do, and we look forward to hearing suggestions and working with you to collectively improve attendance throughout the school.

Kind regards and thank you.

Mrs Deevoy and Mr Krafft

PFA Updates

Next term the PFA will be holding a 'craft session' for the children to make their own keepsake gifts for Mother's Day. You may purchase up to three per child.

These sessions will be held on Friday 10th March during the school day with volunteers from the PFA.

These will cost £1.50 per gift and will need to be paid for in advance, please hand the money in a named envelope to teachers/office. Please indicate on School Ping if you would like your child to attend

this session, all spaces need to be booked by Friday 24th February.

The PFA will also be holding a cake sale on Friday 10th February at the end of the school day. We would be grateful for any donations (Valentine themed or otherwise). Please bring any cake donations into the office on the morning of 10th February. Thank you!

If you are interested in joining the PFA then please see Mrs Wright at the school office.

Website - www.newington.kent.sch.uk

Our new website is now live! If you are unable to access any information while we finalise the move between sites, please contact the school office and we will be able to help you out.

Clubs

Below is a list of that we will offering for term 3 and 4. If you have any ideas for future clubs, please let us know.

Monday	
Futsal – Yrs 5 & 6	Mr Lloyd
Disney Club – Yrs 2, 3 & 4	Mrs Jones
Tuesday	
Choir – Whole School	Mrs Calder
Dance and Drama – KS1	Mrs Barton
Wednesday	
Tennis – Yrs 1, 2, 3 & 4	Danny Wynn
Thursday	
Model Railway Club	Mr Krafft and Mr Saunders
Homework – KS2	Miss Hendry
Photo and Media – Yrs 1, 2 & 3	Miss Guthrie
Timestables Rockstars – KS2	Miss Blackburn
Family Café – Whole School	Mrs Holton

Dates for Your Diary

Below is an outline of some of the things we have planned. We hope to add to this and will send messages through School Ping to individual classes.

Please ensure you check School Ping to stay up to date with the latest events going on in your child's class.

INSET DAYS – Pupils do not Attend

Inset Day 4 – Friday 23 June 2023

Inset Day 5 – Monday 3 July 2023

Term 3

February

- **Wednesday 1st February to Tuesday 7th February** – Scholastics Book Fayre
- **Monday 6th February** – Big Frieze Week
- **Monday 6th February** – Children's Mental Health Week
- **Tuesday 7th February** – Whole School Scooter / Skateboard Sessions
- **Friday 10th February** – PFA Cake Sale / End of Term

Term 4

- **Monday 20th February** – Start of Term 4

March

- **Friday 3rd March** – Kent Search and Rescue Visit
- **Friday 10th March** – PFA Mother's Day Gift Making
- **Friday 17th March** – Red Nose Day
- **Tuesday 28th March** – Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 29th March** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 31st March** – PFA Chocolate Egg Hunt / End of Term

April

Term 5

- **Monday 17th April** – Start of Term 5