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# Newington CEP School

## Newsletter

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#### **Message from Mr. Krafft & Mrs. Deevooy**

We are now officially over half way through the year! It is still cold on the gate in the morning but driving home when it is light lets us know Spring is on its way! As the weather gets drier and warmer it will mean we can begin making better use of the new facilities on the field – we now have an Amphitheatre for outside worships, assemblies and performances as well as 2 outside classrooms. We are sure the children will love learning in the forest school and on the field in the summer months!

It has been an exciting time in school. The Scooter and Skateboard workshops were a huge success and it was a pleasure welcoming Bishop Rose to the school. She was part of our 'Vision Day' and was so complementary about how welcoming your children were. Although year 5 and 6 were not in school to meet her this time, we know they had a great time at the Marlowe Theatre, watching Buggy Malone!

It is also an exciting time for Reverend Julian and his wife Andrea, who will be going to Kenya! During their trip, they will be visiting some schools and exploring Newington CEP linking up with a Kenyan school! Arch Deacon Bethuel visited us before Christmas, and we talked about the desire and aspiration to develop longer term partnership links between us and a school in the Kapsabet Diocese. We wish Julian and Andrea all the best and

look forward to hearing all about their adventure!

Thank you again for all of your support.

Kind regards,

Mr Krafft and Mrs Deevooy

#### **School Lent Project 2023 -THINK GLOBAL**

During Lent as a school, in age appropriate ways, we will be focusing on:

**REFLECTION-** We will reflect on our wonderful world. Being thankful for the good things and taking time to talk about the not so good. The WOWS and OWS.

**CHALLENGE-** How can we help reduce Global warming? We are going to think about the idea of eating less meat during Lent and celebrate vegetables! Every class will be sharing their own vegetable soup. Please look out for a message to bring in, for example, a carrot, leek or butternut squash to contribute to your class recipe!

**CHARITY-** In age appropriate ways, we will look at groups and charities helping in the aftermath of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We will not be fundraising in school but you may wish to contribute to registered charities at home.

#### **PFA Updates**

The PFA made an amazing £117 on the Cake Sale on Friday. Thank you to

everyone who donated cakes to sell and bought cakes on the day. A special thank you, also, to all those that helped.

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

### **Attendance**

I am pleased to report that overall attendance has improved and 'lates' have reduced since our last update. However, there is still a long way to go. Thank you for working with us and let's keep going. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to further support your child's attendance.

### **World Book Day**

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. As a school we will be celebrating through our English lessons for the whole week, promoting reading for pleasure with fun reading challenges and holding story sessions through lunch or break times! Your child will receive their £1 book token which can be exchanged for specially released books at a range of retailers. Perfect for building up that home library! Of course, no World Book Day would be complete without the traditional dress up day! On Thursday 2nd March, children are encouraged to come into school as their

favourite book character or author. Please do not feel you need to spend money on costumes - lots of characters can be created from an everyday wardrobe. If you have any costumes that your children have out grown and are in good condition, then please bring them to the school office for donation and we can hold a special UniCycle. We will give more information on this depending on the level of donations.

### **Book Fayre**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fayre last term. It was great seeing children excited about books and we made £287.60 in rewards to spend on books!

### **Red Nose Day – Dress Up for Joy**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March the school will be celebrating Red Nose Day and fundraising for Comic Relief. We are encouraging everyone to 'Dress up for Joy'! Pick a theme, don the best home-made costume ever, go red from head to toe or maybe wear the brightest clothes you can. Wear something that makes you smile, in return for a donation. We will also be learning about the work of Comic Relief in school.

### **World Down Syndrome Day – Lots of Socks**

Believe it or not, socks help us to get people talking on World Down Syndrome Day, celebrated each year on 21<sup>st</sup> March! All you need to do is choose some socks that are going to get noticed - they might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy – and wear them into school! This will promote conversations about celebrating differences and including everyone. Grown-ups – don't forget to take part at home or work!

## Clubs

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

<b>Monday</b>	
Futsal – Yrs 5 & 6	Mr Lloyd
Disney Club – Yrs 2, 3 & 4	Mrs Jones
Yoga – Whole School	Miss Hendry
Lunchtime French Club – Yrs 1 & 2	Mrs Pastor
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Choir – Whole School	Mrs Calder
Dance and Drama – KS1	Mrs Barton
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Tennis – Yrs 1, 2, 3 & 4	Danny Wynn
<b>Thursday</b>	
Model Railway Club	Mr Krafft and Mr Saunders
Photo and Media – Yrs 1, 2 & 3	Miss Guthrie
Timestables Rockstars – KS2	Miss Blackburn
Family Café – Whole School	Mrs Holton
<b>Friday (Alternate Weeks)</b>	
Go Kart – Yr 6	Mrs Calder

## 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 4**

### March

- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Kent Search and Rescue Visit
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – PFA Mother's Day Gift Making
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – World Down Syndrome Day – Lots of Socks
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Online Safety Week
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Trail Week
- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – PFA Chocolate Egg Hunt / End of Term

### April

#### **Term 5**

- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Start of Term 5
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Southern Water Assembly
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Earth Day

### May

- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Family Trust Assembly
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATs Week
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Coronation Tea Party
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Class Photos
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Pentecost Service – 10:45am – Newington Church
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – End of Term 5

#### **Term 6**

### June

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Start of Term 6