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# Newington CEP School

## Newsletter

### Issue 4 – December 2023

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

It's Christmaaasssss!!!

As always it has been very busy in school but full of amazing moments. A recent highlight was the EYFS and KS1 Nativity! It was brilliant to see the youngest members of the school take to the stage with such character and confidence. It is not easy performing in front of a packed-out hall but each and every one of them took the moment in their stride and shone. Well done everyone! We were all incredibly proud.



As 2023 comes to an end it is an opportunity to reflect on the year past and look forward to the year ahead. Thank you for your continued support this year and from everyone here at Newington; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Kind regards,  
Mr Krafft & Mrs Deevoy

#### **PFA Christmas Party**

We would like to express our gratitude to our amazing PFA for organizing a magical Christmas party. The children had a great time and we are sure the afternoon will live long in their memories. Thank you to everyone who supported by donating chocolate and buying raffle tickets. Congratulations to those who won a hamper!

If you would like to join our PFA, or are able to volunteer at events, please contact the school office.



#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

We are pleased to report that our attendance figures are much better than last year – thank you for all of your support in this. However, there is still room for improvement and we would like to remind everyone that the gates close at 8:45am. It can be very difficult for children to walk into a class, already hard at work, and not have that time to prepare. Please ensure pupils are at school on time. We appreciate your support in this.

## **New Year, New Me – Positive Choices Month**

In January we will be embracing the new year and teaching the children how to make positive choices. We will be adapting our curriculum to provide the pupils with age appropriate learning opportunities within a range of topical subjects, including: Healthy Choices (e.g impact of screen time, tobacco and vaping), Healthy Bodies (e.g healthy eating and air quality) and Healthy Minds (e.g impact of advertising and online safety). We will also be launching 'Planet League' which is a football themed platform that allows individuals to team together to make a positive change to our planet.

## **Charity Update**

We are delighted to report that we raised over £64 for The Children's Society through our Christingle collection and £180 for the BBC Children in Need Appeal. Once again, we are so grateful for your amazing generosity. Thank you!

## **Cut Your Carbon November**

Thank you to everyone who took part in Cut Your Carbon November! Collectively you made journeys to school more sustainable, had 20 meat free days, 20 no food waste weekends, had 17 weeks of dropping heating by 1 degree and there will be 18 flight-free getaways to look forward to! Thank you for your support.

## **Christmas Church Service**

Families are invited to join the school for our Christmas Church Service on Friday 15th December at St. Mary's Church, Newington.

Please note the service will start at 11am and we ask that you do not arrive at the churchyard or church before 10.45am as there will be another service in progress. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Open Classrooms**

Thank you to everyone who came to the open classroom event. It was great seeing everyone and celebrating the children's hard work.

## **Clubs**

Please see below the list of new Clubs for Terms 3 and 4. A ping will be sent out shortly for parents to apply for the clubs their children would like to attend.



<b>Monday</b>	
Boys Football – Yrs 5 & 6	Mr Lloyd
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Choir – KS1 & KS2	Mrs Calder
Jigsaw and Board Games Club – KS1 & KS2	Miss Blackburn
Drama and Dance Club – KS1	Mrs Barton
Go Kart – Yr 6	Miss Hendry & Mr Saunders
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Tennis – Yrs 1, 2, 3 & 4	Danny Wynn
Family Crafts – Whole School	The Creation Station
<b>Thursday</b>	
Girls Football – KS2	Mr Lloyd & Mr Krafft
Construction Club – KS1 & KS2	Miss Guthrie



### **Dates for Your Diary**

Below is an outline of some of the things we have planned this year. 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. Please be aware that dates are subject to change although we will try to keep this to a minimum.

### **INSET DAYS – Pupils do not Attend**

**Inset Day – Tuesday 2 January 2024**

**Inset Day – Friday 21 June 2024**

**Inset Day – Monday 1 July 2024**

### **Term 2**

#### **December**

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Church Service – 11am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2

### **Term 3**

#### **January**

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Start of Term 3
- January – New Year, New Me – Positive Choices Month

#### **February**

- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term 3

### **Term 4**

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Start of Term 4
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Lent Project

### **March**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March World Book Week
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Start of Easter Trail
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term 4

### **Term 5**

#### **April**

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Term 5
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Service – In School – Not open to families
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Earth Day
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St Georges Day

#### **May**

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs Week
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Class and Leavers Photos
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Charity Week (Planning)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – End of Term 5

### **Term 6**

#### **June**

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Start of Term 6
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Charity Week (Activities)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day

#### **July**

- July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup> Try something New Month
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of Term 6