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# Newington CEP School

## Newsletter

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

Welcome to Term 5. The weeks seem to be going quicker and quicker as we rapidly approach summer!

With summer comes exams and the year 6 class are working hard preparing for their Key Stage 2 SATs. Years 1, 2 and 4 are also preparing for their relevant tests. Good attendance is always important but even more so at this time of year when every day is so crucial. There is more about attendance later on in the newsletter.

OPAL was launched this term and has been a huge success so far. Pupils seem to really look forward to lunchtimes and their play and cooperation have been excellent. Thank you to everyone who donated equipment and toys – it has all been very well received by the children. We appreciate any further donations which can further enhance play.

Thank you to everyone who completed the annual survey. Your feedback is so important to us and we are already acting on some of the suggestions. Overall, we are so pleased and grateful for your responses. As always, please feel free to speak to us on the gate or contact the school office if you have anything you wish to bring to our attention.

Thank you all for your continued support and here's to a fun, exciting and successful summer term. There is lots planned as you will see from the diary! Please keep an eye on School Ping and

Class Dojo for class specific and further information.

Kind regards,  
Mr Krafft & Mrs Deevoy

### **SEN and Wellbeing Update**

As some of you already know, Miss Keitch has left the school following a move out of Kent. We wish her every success in her new role and thank her for all her hard work during her time at Newington CEP School. Our SENCO, Mrs Hunt, has stepped into the role of Inclusion Manager and is excited to continue working with you and your children. We recently sent out the SEN and Wellbeing Newsletter for term 5 on School Ping. This is a new termly letter which will contain useful links and advice linked to SEN and wellbeing. It can also be found on the SEND section of our website.

### **Open Classrooms**

The school will be holding open classrooms on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3:15pm – 4pm. This is a chance for you to come in and see your child's classroom, look at their books and informally chat to their teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Attendance**

Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities. The Local

Authority and schools have an expectation of at least 96% attendance for all pupils. Attendance is closely linked to your child's progress.

**90% attendance is the equivalent of being absent from school half a day EVERY WEEK!**

**90% equals FOUR WHOLE WEEKS of missed lessons over the year!**

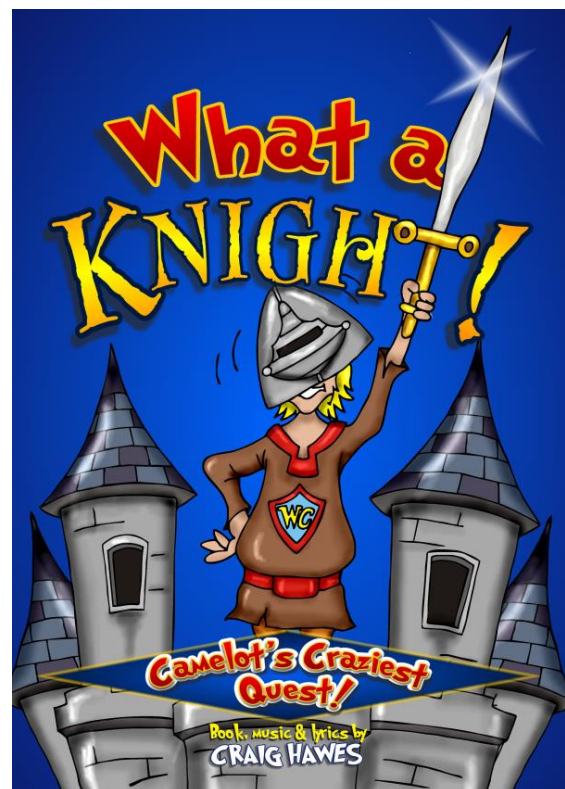
**90% every year at school means they will miss a total of 24 weeks - over HALF A YEAR LOST!**

It is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure that your child goes to school regularly and arrives on time. If your child is ill, contact the school on the first day of your child's illness and any subsequent days, if this is not received it will be recorded as unauthorised. Staff will notify the emergency services should we be unable to contact you regarding absence. Most children can still attend school even if they have a runny nose, sore throat or tummy ache, just like we have to when we go to work. If you are concerned about your child's attendance then you can arrange an appointment with the Head of School, Mr Krafft, who is also on the gate every morning. You can also speak to Mrs Eakins, our Family Liaison Officer, and Mrs Wright, our secretary, via the school office on 01795 842300. Alternatively, you can contact the school's link School Liaison Officer from the Local Authority on 03000 418860 who will be happy to help.

### **Year 6 Production**

We are delighted to announce that Year 6 will be performing 'What a Knight' as their 2024 production. In this hilarious musical adventure, a castle full of colourful characters join in the fun, including precocious princesses, a talking dragon - and not forgetting Merlin and his magic

mirror! When young squire Watt Cobblers is expelled from Knight School, he reluctantly becomes Merlin's new apprentice. But trouble is never far away, and soon Camelot Castle collapses into chaos. Merlin has lost Excalibur, King Arthur's daughters have been kidnapped and his brave knights have turned into chickens. Watt and his new found friends Dusty Dragon and wayward Princess Alice set off on the biggest quest of their lives. But can our unlikely heroes rescue the princesses, save Excalibur and defeat the evil Black Knight? The answers are found in this magical production, where everyone is guaranteed to sing a lot, dance a lot and laugh a lot... at Camelot! Performances to families will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1:30pm and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3:30pm and will be held in Newington Village Hall. More details will be shared in due course.



## **PFA Update**

Our wonderful PFA are hard at work planning the rest of this year's events and activities for the pupils. Some will be listed in the 'Dates for your Diary' section below and more details will be shared in due course.



The money raised goes to lots of different things but the main focus is providing children with experiences and memories that will last for years. This term they funded an art workshop. It demonstrated how rubbish and plastic waste can be transformed into beautiful pieces of art.



The children were inspired and have been creating their own versions; some of which are on display in our gallery! We are currently organising a drumming workshop which the PFA have kindly agreed to fund!

Once again, thank you to our PFA and also thank you to everyone who supports them.



## **Clubs**

Please see below the list of clubs for Terms 5 & 6.

<b>Monday</b>	
Boys Football – Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Mr Lloyd
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Choir (Term 5 Only) – Whole School	Mrs Calder
Ball Games Club – Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Miss Blackburn
Drawing – Yrs R, 1 & 2	Mrs Barton
<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
Collage Club – KS1 & KS2	Miss Guthrie
Go Kart – Yr 6	Miss Hendry & Mr Saunders
Gardening Club – Whole School	Mrs O' Connor

## **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 – Friday 21 June 2024**

**Inset Day – Monday 1 July 2024**

## **Term 5**

### **May**

- Monday 13th May - KS2 SATs Week
- Friday 17th May – Class and Leavers Photos
- Monday 20th May - Charity Week (Planning)
- Wednesday 22nd May – Open Classrooms – 3:15pm – 4pm
- Friday 24th May – End of Term 5

## **Term 6**

### **June**

- Monday 3rd June – Start of Term 6
- Monday 3rd June – Charity Week (Activities)
- Monday 3rd June – Friday 7th June – Year 6 Activity Week
- Thursday 6th June – Race for Life
- Thursday 6th June – PFA Father's Day Gift Making
- Friday 7th June – PFA Father's Day Gift Making
- Monday 17th June – French Workshop Day
- Wednesday 19th June - Sports Day
- Thursday 20th June – Vision Day
- Friday 21st June – INSET DAY

- Friday 28th June – Fantastic Fred Roadshow – Hosted at Lower Halstow
- Friday 28th June – Year 6 Production – Dress Rehearsal to School

### **July**

- July 1st – July 20th Try something New Month
- Monday 1st July – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 2nd July – Friday 5th July – Outdoor Cooking
- Tuesday 2nd July – Year 6 Production – 2pm - Newington Village Hall
- Friday 5th July – PFA Olympic Celebration Sporty Dress Day
- Friday 5th July – Year 6 Production – 3:30pm – Newington Village Hall
- Tuesday 23rd July – End of Term 6
- Wednesday 17th July – Year 6 Together Day
- Friday 19th July – PFA Leavers Festival
- Monday 22nd July – Samba Drumming Workshop
- Tuesday 23rd July – End of Term 6

