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## Newsletter

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

Summer finally appears to be breaking through and the pupils are thoroughly enjoying the good weather. As the sun shines brighter and the temperature rises, please ensure you send the children in with sun hats and sun cream applied to ensure they can enjoy the weather safely. Since our last newsletter we have begun completing a range of statutory assessments. Our year 6 children did brilliantly at taking it all in their stride and approaching the SATS with great maturity. We still have phonics and multiplication tables checks to complete but we are sure year 1 and 4 will be equally amazing! Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Krafft & Mrs Deevoy

#### **Staffing Update**

we are delighted to inform you that Miss Bell, year 2 class teacher, is expecting a baby! We are sure you will join us in wishing her many congratulations! As a result, Miss Hendry will be teaching year 2 next year.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Davies (Lou), nursery class teacher, who has secured a job closer to home in a specialist setting. We are close to finalising a new nursery teacher for September and look forward to announcing more details in due course.

At present, there are no other planned changes to the teachers for 2025 - 2026.

#### **School Ping Phasing Out**



In order to save back office costs and direct as much of our funding as possible towards the classes and the children, we will be amalgamating several services into the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app that links directly with our management Information System Bromcom. Last year we moved to Bromcom for our Management of Information System (MIS) combining two large contracts for data management and financial reporting into a single system to save costs. We are now able to add more functions to this system at no cost to the school.

Therefore, from next term we will be phasing out School Ping, as the cost of maintaining a separate messaging system can no longer be justified. The MCAS app which will replace this will allow us to send messages in the same way as Ping and you to book clubs, book school trips, book parents evenings and make direct payments for any school activities. It will also allow you to update your contact details should your address, phone number or email address change. Unfortunately, we have no control over which app the KCC caterer uses so the

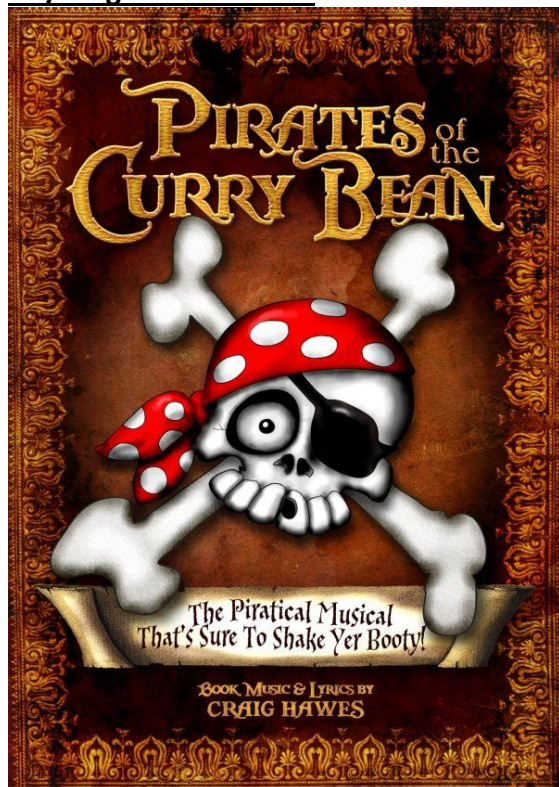
Parent Pay app will remain in place for booking and paying for school dinners. Any change takes time, particularly with technology, so we are giving ourselves term 6 to get everyone up and running with the MCAS app. At Newington, morning club bookings and payments have begun running on this system this term with no issues, so we are hoping the process will be smooth.

A user guide has been sent in a Ping, but in short, you simply need to:

- download the MCAS app
- sign in using the email address of the primary contact
- click 'forgotten password'
- set a password (you should get a reset link via email)

We have tried to ensure all siblings are linked so you should see all your children with a single login. If this isn't the case please let any of us in the office know, so they can log into the system to check. Thank you for your understanding and support with this change.

### **Key Stage 2 Production**



Set sail for a swashbuckling adventure with this year's production - Pirates of the Curry Bean! Packed with laughs, lively music, and plenty of pirate antics, it's a show you won't want to miss.

Performances:

- Monday 14th July – Special showing for the school
- Tuesday 15th July at 1:30 PM – First performance for parents
- Friday 18th July at 3:30 PM – Final parent performance

We are excited to once again have the production in Newington Village Hall. Details of tickets will be released closer to the dates. Grab your eyepatches and join us for a treasure-filled theatrical treat!

### **PFA Update**

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank the PFA for their continuous hard work in raising money to provide opportunities, memories and experiences for the children. They have got a lot of exciting events coming up:

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Secret Shop (Pre-booking required)
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Break the Rules Day (Suggested £1 Donation)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Party (3:30 – 4:30)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Football Shirt Friday – Celebrate the start of the Women's Euros (Suggested £1 Donation)

If you are interested in joining the PFA, please contact the school office.

### **Open Classrooms**

The school will be holding open classrooms on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 3:15 pm – 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.

## **Charity Week**

Children are currently taking part in the planning stage for our annual Charity Week. The aim is to help the children become aware of the work of charities locally, nationally and internationally. After looking at the three for this year, each class will vote for the one they wish to support and decide on a fund-raising activity. The fund-raising events will be held next term and each class will notify you as to how you can support your children. It is hoped the children will learn what is involved in event planning and how the money they raise will support the work of the chosen charity. This year we wanted to focus on food, shelter and water – necessities for life. The charities are:



- Local – Swale Foodbank - <https://swale.foodbank.org.uk/>



- National – Centre Point - <https://centrepoin.org.uk>



- International – WaterAid - <https://www.wateraid.org/>

Individual classes will send out information about their events and chosen charity as well as a Just Giving or

another fundraising link. The purpose of the week is to raise awareness and we hope the children will discuss their ideas with you.

## **Term 6 Clubs**

Below is a list of what we currently offer. If you have any ideas for future clubs, please let us know.

<b>Monday</b>	
Family Create Club Whole School	Creation Station
Boys Football – Years 5 & 6	Mr Lloyd
Gardening Club – KS2	Mrs Tidy
STEM Ambassadors (Lunchtime) – Year 6	Mrs Baptie
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Playground Skills – Years R - 5	Mrs Eakins
Choir – KS2	Mrs Calder
Wellbeing – Years R - 6	Miss Bell & Miss Blackbourn
Go Kart – Year 6	Mr Saunders and Miss Hendry
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Tennis – Years 1 to 5	Danny Wynn
<b>Thursday</b>	
Girls Football – Years 3 – 6	Mr Lloyd, Mr Krafft & Miss Stevens
Dance and Drama – Years R, 1 and 2	Mrs Barton & Mrs Longstaff
Pupil Parliament (Lunchtime) – Whole School	Miss Bell

### **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 20 June 2025**

**Inset Day – Friday 11 July 2025**

***May Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May 2025***

### **Term 6**

#### **June**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Start of Term 6
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Charity Week (Activities)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 Activity Week
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – PFA Father's Day Secret Shop
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – French Workshops
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – PFA Break the Rules Day
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – New Entrants Evening – 5pm
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – PFA Summer Party
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Outdoor Cooking Week

#### **July**

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Try something New Month
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – PFA Football Shirt Friday
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Vision Day

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – OPAL Stay and Play – 3:15pm – 4:00pm
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Production – 1:30pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Production – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – End of Term 6