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Message from Mr. Krafft & Mrs. Deevoy

Even though we are now approaching the end of the year, we are certainly not winding down! It is a very busy time in school, with pupils enjoying a wide range of trips and lots of different experiences. Of course, curriculum learning is still going strong. We have been particularly impressed with some of the great pieces of writing we have seen! The halls are alive with music as KS2 rehearse for their end of year production, which will be taking place in Newington Village Hall again this year. You can keep up to date with everything by following us on Instagram at @NewingtonCEP. We should also say a massive congratulations to Southwark for winning a very competitive Sports Day! Thank you to everyone who came to support!

We have had some very warm days and the pupils have been very sensible while enjoying time outside. Please ensure pupils come into school wearing sun cream, a sun hat and with plenty of water. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Krafft & Mrs Deevoy



OPAL Update



We are delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Platinum OPAL Award! This is the highest recognition of top-quality playtime provision possible. Michael Follett, OPAL Founder and Director, said: "Newington C of E Primary School has just achieved Platinum award status from OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning. This means that they are in the top 1% of UK schools for the quality of the play they provide for all their children. The school has demonstrated that it takes the UNCRC Article 31, the child's right to play, seriously and is implementing all stages of school improvement in relation to play, including policy, planning, resourcing, staffing and evaluation."

We are so proud of our pupils and want to say a big thank you to our staff, especially our OPAL leaders, Mrs Calder, Mr Lloyd,

Mrs Tidy and Mrs Whitehead. Don't forget, you can join us for our OPAL stay and play on Thursday 10th July.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - 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.

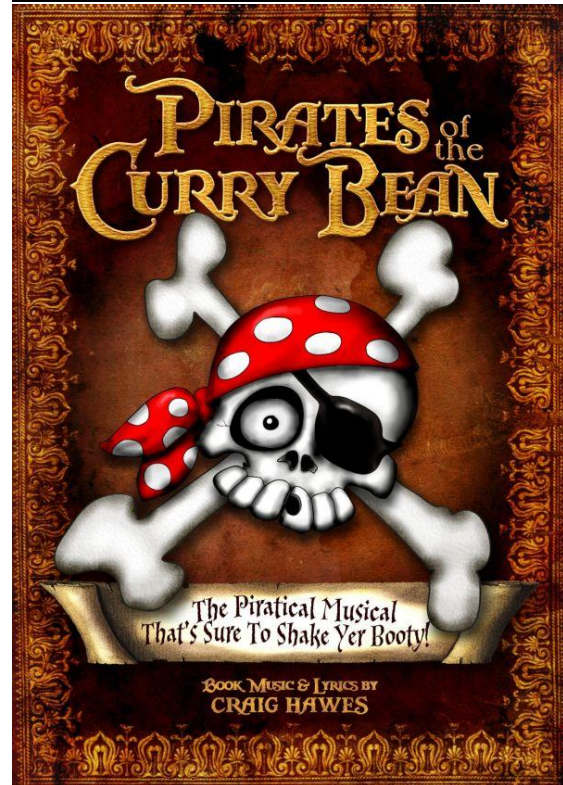
Unfortunately, we have no control over which app the KCC caterer uses so the Parent Pay app will remain in place for booking and paying for school dinners. Any change takes time, particularly with technology, so we are giving ourselves term 6 to get everyone up and running with the MCAS app. At Newington, 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.

REMINDER: 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!

REMINDER - Open Classrooms

The school will be holding open classrooms on Wednesday 18th 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.

Term 6 Clubs

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

Monday	
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 Baprie
Tuesday	
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
Wednesday	
Tennis – Years 1 to 5	Danny Wynn
Thursday	
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 11 July 2025

Term 6

June

- Monday 30th June – Outdoor Cooking Week

July

- Tuesday 1st July – 22nd July - Try something New Month
- Friday 4th July – PFA Football Shirt Friday
- Monday 7th July – Vision Day
- Thursday 10th July – OPAL Stay and Play – 3:15pm – 4:00pm
- Friday 11th July – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend
- Monday 14th July – KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 15th July – KS2 Production – 1:30pm
- Friday 18th July – KS2 Production – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 22nd July – End of Term 6