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Newsletter

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Message from Mr. Krafft & Mrs. Deevoy

It is October which means we are celebrating Heritage Month here in school.

This year we have been celebrating by bringing our school community together through food, family traditions and shared memories. So many children have shared recipes and stories from their heritage which extends around the world. Year 6 took a trip to Pizza Express in Canterbury where they learnt how to make pizzas – a traditional Italian meal and a classic family take away! Year 5 took a trip to Marino Fish Bar where they learnt how to make the British classic; fish and chips. While, in school, we reflected on the school's historical roots by everyone enjoying a ploughman's lunch.



As you know, we are also creating a Newington Recipe Book and would love for you to be a part of it! We invite you to share a family favourite recipe that has a special meaning to you. It could be a recipe that has been handed down from generation to generation, a traditional

dish from your culture or heritage, or simply a much-loved family recipe that brings everyone together. Please email the office with your recipe, and a short story about its history, who taught you how to make it, or why it is special to your family.



It has been great celebrating the wonderful diversity of our Newington community through the food, traditions and stories that make us who we are. Thank you for your continued support. Have a great break and see you in term 2. Kind regards,
Mr Krafft & Mrs Deevoy



Update from our PFA

Thank you for all your continued support. Our fundraising will help pay for splashsuits for nursery children, balance bikes for Year R and £200 per year group to help fund a class activity!

We have the following activities coming up...

OCTOBER

School tea towel - An opportunity to preorder a school tea towel (preorder by the 12th November)

6 NOVEMBER

Dress down day - Wear own clothes in exchange for a chocolate donation.

DECEMBER

Elfridges - Children can buy a gift for their parents, carers or grandparents. Orders open between 22nd Oct – 30th Nov with children choosing their gifts on either 1st or 11th Dec.

DECEMBER

Chocolate hamper raffle - Buy tickets for the chocolate hamper raffle between 9th Nov – 15th Dec. Raffle to take place on 16th Dec.

16 DECEMBER

Christmas party - Including a visit and gift from Father Christmas!

Attendance

We are pleased to report that our attendance for the year is currently 96.2%! This is above the national average! Good attendance has such a positive impact on your child's academic progress, as well as their social and emotional development. Thank you so much for your support. Let's keep this going and see if we can improve further!

Clubs

You should have received notification on My Child at School about the clubs your child can attend but below is a list of what we currently offer. If you have any ideas for future clubs, please let us know.

Monday	
School Paper – Years 4 to 6	Miss Hendry
Dance Club – Years 1 and 2	Mrs Barton
Family Trust Club – Years 3 - 6	The Family Trust
Tuesday	
Art Attack – Years 3 - 6	Miss Blackbourn
Boys Football – Years 5 and 6	Mr Lloyd
KS1 Football – Years 1 and 2	Gillingham Football Club Foundation
Choir – Years 3 to 6	Mrs Calder
Board Games – Years 1 and 2	Miss Callaghan
Wednesday	
Tennis – Years 1 to 6	Danny Wynn
Thursday	
Girls Football – Years 3 – 6	Mr Lloyd & Mr Krafft
Construction Club – Years 1 and 2	Mrs Longstaff
Friday	
JagTag Elite – Years 5 and 6	Team Theme

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 MCAS to individual classes. Please ensure you check MCAS 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 23 October 2026

Inset Day – Monday 4 January 2027

Inset Day – Monday 21 June 2027

Inset Day – Wednesday 21 July 2027

May Bank Holiday – Monday 3 May 2027

Term 1

October

- Thursday 22nd October – End of Term 2
- Friday 23rd October – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend

Term 2

November

- Monday 2nd November – Start of Term 2
- Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly
- Mon 16th - Fri 20th November - Anti-bullying week
- Friday 27th November – Christingle Service - Not open to families – Newington Church

December

- Tuesday 8th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal
- Wednesday 9th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 2pm
- Thursday 10th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 2pm
- Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and PFA Class Parties
- Friday 18th December – Christmas Service – Newington Church
- Friday 18th December – End of Term 2

Term 3

January

- Monday 4th January – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend
- Tuesday 5th January – Start of Term 3
- Wednesday 27th January – Tuesday 2nd February – Book Fayre

February

- Monday 1st February – Friday 5th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 9th February – Pancake Races

- Tuesday 9th February – Internet Safety Day
- Friday 12th February – End of Term 3

Term 4

- Monday 22nd February – Start of Term 4

March

- Thursday 4th March – World Book Day
- Monday 8th – Friday 12th March – Science Week
- Thursday 25th March – End of Term 4

April

Term 5

- Monday 12th April – Start of Term 5
- Thursday 22nd April – Earth Day
- Friday 23rd April – St George's Day

May

- Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 4th May – Deaf Awareness Week
- Monday 10th May - KS2 SATs Week
- Friday 14th May – Pentecost
- Monday 24th May - Charity Week (Planning)
- Friday 28th May – End of Term 5

Term 6

June

- Monday 7th June – Start of Term 6
- Monday 7th June – Charity Week (Activities)
- Monday 7th June – Year 6 Activity Week
- Monday 21st June – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend
- Wednesday 23rd June – Sports Day

July

- Wednesday 1st July – 20th July - Try something New Month
- Tuesday 20th July – End of Term 6
- Wednesday 21st July – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend