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**Newsletter No 21**  
**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Events Over the Next Week**

Fri, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Star Assemblies
Fri, 8 <sup>th</sup>	1D Class Assembly
	Y6 Nearly New Sale

**Thank You Mr Gallagher**

Kevin Gallagher finishes his time at New End today. Kevin has done an outstanding job in leading the school during my maternity absence. Kevin has been supported by all the staff in this role but particular thanks must be made to Alan Girling, as Acting Deputy, and Heidi Meakin, as Assistant Head, who have shared the responsibility of leading and managing the school for the first half of the 2012-2013 academic year. Kevin's dedication, kindness, generosity, experience and humour (who will ever forget those ties!!) have made my absence and return very straight forward. New End has been very fortunate to have found such a wonderful Acting Headteacher! I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Kevin continued success and happiness in the future. We will certainly miss him.

**Open Classrooms and Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended the open classroom sessions before half term. We hope you found your visits interesting, informative and, most of all, enjoyable! The time for the final session in the Summer term will be advertised in the newsletter later in the year. We hope you will be able to join us in the Summer Term.

Thanks also to everyone who has attended the parent-teacher meetings the week before half term. We hope you found these meetings useful.

**Nearly New Sale - After School on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

As you know we are running the Nearly New Sale next Friday. In order to make sure that the sale is a success, we need your help with the following:

- Donating lots of things to sell - clothes, books, games and toys, CDs, DVDs etc. This is a good excuse to clear out your homes of those unused things that you have been meaning to get rid of - but please make sure that they are all in good nick and that clothes are clean and ironed! We don't have a way of disposing of broken items or rubbish so please double check that the items are indeed "nearly new".
- If you know that you have "big ticket items" such as push chairs, Scooters etc... Please let us know by emailing [kcsachleben@gmail.com](mailto:kcsachleben@gmail.com). We will circulate this list in advance of the sale.
- It would be appreciated if you could donate clothes hangers and carrier bags.

Donations can be sent in from Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you at the sale. Many thanks.

Year 6 Parents

**Coffee with Karyn**

Coffee with Karyn will continue from Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30. For those parents and carers new to the school or not quite sure how these meetings work, a brief summary follows:

- A question box is in the office area. If you have a general question relating to school organisation or issues, place it in the box, preferably with your child's name, class and your name. This will allow us to respond to your question if it is not appropriate to deal with it in a meeting.
- The Thursday newsletter before the Coffee with Karyn will briefly list the topics being discussed.
- During the Coffee with Karyn session I will provide brief responses to the topics. If there is a larger issue that requires more time or a topic that many parents want to know about, these will form the basis of the Parents' Briefings which run for approximately an hour.
- The following newsletter will have a brief summary of the issues discussed.

The dates for Autumn Term meetings are listed in the date section at the end of the newsletter. I hope to see you there.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to classes RM and RS (94.0%) and 5H (97.0%) for the best attendances in the week of February 11th. These classes hosted the teddies for the week. Attendance across the school was 92.1%, with an unauthorised absence level of 1.6%. There were 45 lates in the week (12 less than the previous week), involving 37 children throughout the school (3 less than the previous week). The most punctual classes were 1K (1 late) and 5H (zero lates). Well done to the children in these classes. Class 1K has the Early Bird for the week and children in class 5H have been entertained by The Wizard!

### Valentine's Disco

My thanks to all the staff who gave their time to ensure all the children had a fantastic time at the Valentine's discos in the week before the half term break. Thanks to Charlotte Elvridge and Julie Gage our fantastic DJ's. Thanks also to Debbie Walberg who organised everything from the tickets to treats. Thanks to the parents who gave of their time to ice all the cakes. Thanks to Mark and Selma Audi who took care of picking up and returning the lights. We raised over £600 which will be donated to Save the Children Fund and The Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

### A HUGE Thank You from New End Staff and NESA

Thanks again to everyone for the recent "Staff Appreciation Day" and for your ongoing support. It was greatly appreciated.

NESA would also like to thank everyone who played a part in during the day. Special thanks to:

- The Class Reps! These folks coordinated all the donations, the activities that were run during the day, and the assistance for the teachers' task requests. Many of them were at school for the duration of the day. Your dedication is so appreciated.
- Tom Buzzard who helped us with all the set-up and breakfast
- Emma Webster who wound up taking home all the spare P.E. Kits to be washed!
- Every parent/carer who took the time to provide some food, a bag of coffee, or their time to ease the teacher's load. We couldn't have done it without you.

### 2012-2013 Dates for your Diary

Wed, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee with Karyn
Fr, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day - more information to follow
Mon, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	CSSA Cross Country
Thurs, 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Choir Performance - Camden Centre
Wed, 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee with Karyn
Turs, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Spring Term - School closes at 3.25pm
Mon, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day - School Closed
Tues, 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return for the start of the Summer Term
Thurs, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	CSSA Swimming Gala
Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee with Karyn
Sat, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	NESA Quiz Night
Wed, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee with Karyn
Mon, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed - Bank Holiday

### DID YOU KNOW? The Children's Liver Disease Foundation

Tomorrow is "Big Yellow Friday" which raises money and awareness of childhood liver disease. As a school we have supported this day by donating half of the Valentine's Day Disco money. We have done this as one of our children, Bobby in RM, has a younger sibling who suffers from Bilary Atrsia, a form of liver disease. His cousins, Lewis (6J) and Max (4H) will be doing a talk in assemblies later in the term to increase our awareness. Bobby's mum will be running The Great North Run in September so we will continue to support this worthy charity later in the year.

### And Finally

Thank you to everyone for welcoming me back to New End this week. I have been touched by your kind words of support and have loved getting back into the classrooms to see the children and staff hard at work. I look forward to the rest of the academic year.

Karyn Ray     Headteacher