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Events Next Week  
Year Group Meetings - see  
below

### Well Done New End Parents!

Well done to the small group of parents who spotted an error and an omission in last week's newsletter.

The first was an error in the term dates - the Easter break runs from 3<sup>rd</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015. The correct dates are included again with this newsletter.

The second was an omission in the section on our recent achievements. So that you know, it should have read: "As a school we are proud that we have been in the top 6 percent of schools for value added over the last three years. Value added looks at the progress children make over time in a school. In 2014 New End is amongst the 100 top performing schools in England in terms of the progress all children make between Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. This is a great achievement!"

Well done to those parents who picked up on these so we could make sure everyone had the correct information.

### Year Group Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has already attended this term's Year Group Meetings. Year group meetings will provide parents with information about the areas of learning being covered during the term. All meetings will start at 9am in the first floor hall on the following dates so please come along!

Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 5
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Nursery
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

### Spring Term Open Classrooms

Open mornings take place in each classroom prior to the Parent - Teacher Meetings. These sessions will provide parents and carers with the opportunity to share some of their child's learning such as looking at their class displays and looking through their child's work. Class teachers have juggled trips, PE, Music, photograph day, etc to agree a date that best suits each year group this term.

Classrooms will be opened from 9.15-9.45am on the following dates:

Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year Four, Year Five
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year Two, Year Three
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception, Year One
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Six

We hope to see you there!

### Health and Safety Around the Building - A Polite Reminder

Parents and carers will appreciate that the beginnings and ends of days are very busy as classes and staff make their ways from the playground into their classrooms. There is also a security issue of knowing who is in the building at any time in case of an emergency.

The addition of parents and carers joining onto the class lines to catch up with a member of staff, to hand deliver forgotten items or simply just to walk with their child up to class as they have arrived after their class has left the playground makes it even more difficult for the children to move safely and quickly to their classes.

It would be extremely helpful if:

- Children who arrive after their class has left the playground can walk with another class up to their rooms and parents and carers should say goodbye at one of the side entrances.
- Children who arrive after the side doors have closed, should access the building from the main entrance, picking up a late card if they arrive after 9.05am. Parents and carers should say goodbye at the hall doorway and let their child quickly move to their classroom.
- Parents who need to deliver a forgotten item to their child should pick up a visitor card so that a member of staff is aware of your presence in the case of an emergency.
- On wet days we have procedures in place for children in Reception and Year One and Two which include waiting inside. Parents must supervise their children and ensure that they are not playing on equipment or entering classrooms. Parents should leave as soon as the class teachers arrive at their classrooms or once they have collected their child from the classroom.

### Coffee with Karyn

Next week's Coffee with Karyn is **POSTPONED** as Miss Fay, the school's leader of English, has been absent. I will provide a new date for the Handwriting and Writing Development session on her return.

Other meetings this term are on:

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February - Internet Safety

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March - Reading (Coincides with Book Week)

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March - Mathematics - Calculation Policy

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April - Curriculum and Assessment Changes

As these briefing meetings require an interactive whiteboard, they are on Wednesdays this term as a classroom is free due to swimming.

### Lost Property

Despite regular clearances of the lost property boxes, we have yet again amassed a tidy sum of coats, jumpers, t-shirts, etc.

To make it easier for parents to view all that is there, we will be putting it out for display from 3pm on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January in the ground floor hall. It will remain on display until 9.30am on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January. We will then be sending any unnamed and unclaimed items to charity.

Please take the time to have a look for any items your child may have lost.

## SOLD OUT!

### Three Little Pigs In Hampstead

The Galliard Ensemble with guest narrator Morwenna Banks

Unfortunately this event is now sold out.

### SUMDOG Subscription

New End has recently purchased a subscription to "Sumdog" which is a mathematics based programme that children from Year One to Year Six can access and play at home. This site offers educational mathematics games for children to play. They can play by themselves, against classmates or against children throughout the world registered through their schools.

As we roll this out, children will be receiving a User name and Password over the next couple of weeks. They simply go to the site, [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) and then use their user name and password to access the games and activities. Unfortunately they need to be played on a computer or laptop as Flash is required and this is currently not compatible with iPads.

Children who do not have access to a computer or laptop at home will have the opportunity at times to play in school.

### Football League Results

New End's football teams recently played more games in the CSSA Primary Schools League. The boys drew with Brookfield 1-1 and beat Christchurch 4-0. The girls lost to Brookfield 1-0 and Christchurch 3-0. The records of the boys is now: Played 6, won 4, drawn 1, lost 1. For the girls, it is played 6, won 3, lost 3. Well done to all the boys and girls who played in these games. We are now halfway through the league season, with six more games to play. Both teams are currently in mid-table, though some teams above us have played more games than us. The teams need to come in the top 3 (out of 13 schools) to progress to the finals. Steve Buzzard

### 2014-2015 Dates for your Diary

Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup> January	4W Class Assembly
Mon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2L Class Assembly
Wed, 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Governing Body Meeting
Mon, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	5P Class Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Thurs, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	CSSA Tag Rugby
Mon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2C Class Assembly
Mon, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	RS Class Assembly
Tues, 10 <sup>th</sup> March	CSSA Football Playoffs

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Projects

Congratulations to the 104 children who submitted projects and received a certificate and feedback this week.

Projects can be of the child's choice but must demonstrate that time and effort has been given to the work. They can include such things as holiday diaries, stories, factual pieces, models, etc.

A child who submits a project will receive a certificate and feedback letter. Children receive one certificate only - even if they hand in multiple mini-projects.

The next projects are due on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that any projects received will be stored and will be returned in April.

### Emailed Newsletter - a Reminder

Emailed newsletters are sent out each week to parents who prefer to catch up on the school news in this format. **Unfortunately I accidentally deleted the reception parent list over the break so if your child (or youngest child) is in reception, please email me again and I will add you to a new list.**

### And Finally

We have been having technical problems with our website which has meant that we have not been able to update it for a couple of months. However these difficulties have now been resolved and we are busy updating the site. Newsletters are now on and updated termly plans will be on before the end of the week. There is a link to the letter we received from the Rt Hon David Laws as well as a calendar of school events and a school blog in the News section (under News and Events). The site will now go back to being updated weekly, so take a look.

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