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Events Next Week

Sun, 5 th	NESA Summer Fair
Mon, 6 th	4H Class Assembly
Tues, 7 th	Years One to Six Sports Day
Thurs, 9 th	CSSA Rounders
Fri, 10 th	NESA Class Tea

See the future...it starts here!

Happy Retirement

Parents may be aware that Steve Buzzard, the school's former Deputy Headteacher, took the decision three years ago to start his phased retirement, moving from five days to three and then two days a week. Steve has now decided that he is ready to focus his time on himself and enjoy full time retirement from the end of this academic year. Steve has worked at New End since 1988 in the roles of cover teacher initially covering classes from Reception to Year Six and then later as class teacher of Years Year Two, Three, Four, Five and Six. He became Deputy Head in 1991. During his time at New End he has been responsible at one point or another for Citizenship, Humanities, Maths, MFL, PSHE, RE, Science, and Sport. Throughout his time at New End, Steve has worked with hundreds of children as they passed through the school. Fortunately Steve has agreed to do some voluntary work in school as well as maintain his footballing role so we will still have the pleasure of seeing him around New End.

Sara Harris has also decided to take retirement at the end of the academic year. Sara has worked at New End since September 1996. Sara started her phased retirement in September 2011, cutting down to two days a week. Unfortunately Sara has been ill since December 2014 so has not been about as she would have liked to be this year. During her time at New End Sara has taught many Year One and Reception classes and taken a key role in leading art across the school as well as ensuring we all look our best in the annual class photographs.

A special assembly will be held on Friday, 11th September to mark Sara and Steve's retirement. Parents are more than welcome to attend. The time will be confirmed in the newsletter at the start of the new academic year.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing Sara and Steve continued success and happiness in the future. Sara and Steve certainly deserve their retirement but will be missed by us all!

Goodbye and Goodluck

At the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to a number of members of staff.

Michelle Conteh has worked at New End since September 2001 and is taking a year's sabbatical. She has been a class teacher in Years Two, Three, Four and Five and most recently has been a part-time support teacher working with a focus on children receiving pupil premium. Michelle and her family are moving to Abu Dhabi for a year.

Regis Peyraque, who has been a class teacher in Years Three and Five at New End since February 2013, is taking a years' sabbatical and moving to Bristol with his family.

Dina Mohamed, who has worked at New End since September 2013 as a Year Five teacher, is moving on at the end of the academic year to pursue a career in law.

Jen Lockie, who started at New End in September 2014 as Computing and Digital Literacy Leader with responsibility for Key Stage One and a Year Two class teacher, is moving to Durham to be with her partner.

Following her retirement seven years ago, **Margaret Smith** took up a one day cover role in the Nursery. She has now decided that she is ready to focus her time on herself and enjoy full time retirement.

Dennis McNulty, New End's Site Manager, was elected as Branch Secretary for the GMB in April. Dennis has worked at New End since November 1990 as Site Manager. Dennis will continue to live in the school house.

I'm sure all parents, carers and children will join me in wishing Michelle, Regis, Dina, Jen, Margaret and Dennis continued success and happiness in the future. They are talented and dedicated staff members who will be missed by us all. Information about staffing for 2015-16 will be sent home on Monday, 13th July.

End of Year Reports and Parent-Teacher Meetings

Children from Nursery to Year Two and Years Five and Six will be receiving the end of year reports TOMORROW. Children in Years Three and Four received their reports today as they are out on a trip to Paradise Wildlife Park tomorrow.

Parents will be aware that changes were made to the national curriculum this year for everyone except children in Years Two and Six. The Department for Education (DfE) has decided that the children who are currently in Years 2 and 6 will be the last pupils to be awarded a level in their end of Key Stage tests (Summer 2015).

The reason behind this was that the DfE wanted to avoid what has been termed 'The Level Race' where children have moved through the old National Curriculum levels quickly to achieve higher attainment. The new national curriculum is now more demanding and it will be the exception for children to be judged at working above the end of year expectations. It is also more difficult for children to be judged at working in line, particularly as this is the first year of this curriculum. The old National Curriculum was sub-divided into levels, but these were not linked to their national curriculum year group. For example, a child in Year 4 could be a Level 3 or even a level 5. Children were achieving Level 5 and 6 at the end of Key Stage 2, but the DfE thought that a significant number were able to achieve a Level 5 or 6 in a test—but were not secure at that level. The feeling from the DfE was that the old national curriculum and the levels system failed to adequately ensure that children had a breadth and depth of knowledge at each national curriculum level.

The biggest difference is how we will talk to you about how your child is progressing during the year. With the old National Curriculum levels, each year children were given a target for the end of the year, and during the year we would tell you what National Curriculum level your child was at. For Example: A child could finish Year 3 with a level 3a, and in Year 4 would have a target of a 4b for the end of the year. We could use the levels system this way because there was no correlation between a level and a child's year group, and this can be seen in the way that in a Year 6 class there could be a range of levels, from level 2 to a level 6.

However, the new National Curriculum sets out expectations for each year group and children will be assessed against those every year, so a child in Year 4 will always be judged in the first instance against the expectations for the end of Year 4.

New End's end of year reports are now sub-divided into 3 categories as follows:

Working Towards — Yet to be secure in the end of year expectations.

Working At —Secure in the majority (85% +) of the end of year expectations.

Working Above —Secure in all the end of year expectations and is able to use and apply their knowledge and skills confidently.

Under the old levels system children who were exceeding might have moved into the next level. The DfE now want children who are in the exceeding bracket to add more depth and breadth to their knowledge, and to have more opportunities to develop their using and applying skills. Only in exceptional circumstances will children move into working towards the end of year expectations from the year above. Similarly, children who are unlikely to be emerging at the end of the year may work towards the expectations from the year below.

If it is noted on the report that your child is working within the year group expectation, this should be seen as significant (ie your child has made at least good progress this year).

As always, there is a slip for parent comments which should be returned to school as soon as possible.

Parents and carers are reminded that parent-teacher meetings will take place during the week beginning 6th July. Sign up sheets have been out this week. If you have yet to make an appointment, please sign up tomorrow morning in the bottom hall or contact the school office for times that are still available.

New End Summer BBQ and Fayre

Sunday 5th July 12noon - 3pm

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. The choir will perform at 1.30pm and Dad's Band at 2pm.

Nursery Inflatable Slide	Reception BBQ and Salads	Year One Stocks and Assault Course
Year Two Pimms and Prosecco	Year Three Arts and Crafts	Year Four Strawberries
Year Five Cakes Second Hand Toy Sale	Year Six Games	Steve Buzzard and Alan Girling Penalty Shoot Out
Raffle	New End PE T-shirts	Plus...live music, candy floss, ice cream, class photographs and much more!

A quick reminder that any toys and books in good condition for the 2nd Hand Stall will be gratefully received. Toys and books should be left in the donation boxes/area in the School Office on Friday 3rd July. On the day donations of salads for the BBQ, cakes and strawberries all gratefully received.

Thank you in advance to the following local shops who have all already generously donated food and raffle prizes: Melrose and Morgan, Jigsaw, Odonos, Budgens and Tesco.

FANCY DRESS - To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Alice in Wonderland all children and adults are welcome to come in full fancy dress or just make a wonderful Hat inspired by any of the characters. Prizes for the best costume/hat.

RAFFLE TICKETS - Please can you return sold and unsold raffle tickets to school by Friday morning, you can hand into school office or put in your child's book bag. If you forget please bring on the day and hand in at the NESA table. The Raffle Draw will take place at 2.30pm.

Year Six Careers' Morning

On Tuesday morning, the children in Year Six attended a Careers' Morning to learn about different careers. A number of New End parents volunteered to come in and talk about the journey they took to get to where they are today. The children heard about a variety of careers including acting, architecture, art, charity work, coding, consultancy, company directorship, finance and investment, immunology, interior and surface design, journalism, midwifery, mining, planetary science, producing, programming, software development, television programming, voice artistry and writing.

Enormous thanks to the following parents who gave up their time to share their life experiences with Year Six:

- Dorna Alimohammadi (sister of Dena)
- Geoff Balzano (dad of Emma, Mila and Miles)
- Morwenna Banks (mum of Ezra)
- Rakefet Cohen (mum of Amalia)
- Sharon Deutsch-Nadir (mum of Yoav)
- Catarina Fernandes (mum of Kaia)
- Carlos Fresneda (dad of Julio)
- Armenika Kondi (mum of Alisa)
- Chris Sadler (Code a Club volunteer)
- Selina Skipwith (mum of Stirling and Cecily)
- Geof Stapledon (dad of Lucy and Bella)
- Danielle Tinero (mum of Miranda)
- Max Wainewright (dad of Linus and Elsa)
- Rachel Wainewright (mum of Linus and Elsa),

My thanks to Alan Girling who organised the event and ensured that the Year Six children (and parents) had such a memorable morning.

We plan to hold another of these mornings next year and would welcome your involvement again!

Years One to Six Sports Day - A Reminder

The Year One to Six Sports day will be held **NEXT Tuesday, 7th July**. The event will start with fun races in houses followed by some more traditional events. It will start at approximately 10.00am on the area outside the Parliament Hill Running Track followed by a house picnic. After lunch children will then return to school.

All children attending sports day will be required to bring a packed lunch. Children should bring plenty of water and some appropriate snacks.

Children are invited to wear a t-shirt in their House colours (Burgh - blue, Fenton - red, Keats - yellow, Kenwood - green) for Sports Day. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing and shoes for physical activity. Sun hats / caps as well as high factor sun cream should also be worn. If your child has hay fever, please ensure that they have been given appropriate medication in the morning.

PS Parents who wish to take their children home with them AFTER the picnic, **MUST** inform their child's class teacher.

Classes 2015-2016 - A Reminder

Children will be informed about classes for 2015-16 by their teachers on Monday, 13th July. A letter with both classes listed will be sent home to all parents and carers on the same day. All children will have the opportunity to spend a session with their new class teacher on that day as well. Children will also receive a copy of holiday home learning that they can complete over the Summer break. This does include a holiday project which should be returned by Friday, 4th September at the very latest. This home learning is completely optional, although we would encourage all children to take up the challenge in preparation for the new academic year.

2014-2015 Dates for your Diary

Mon, 13 th July	Meet your New Teacher Session
Wed, 15 th July	Star Assemblies
Fri, 17 th July	Last Day of Academic Year - 1.30pm finish

Mon, 20 th July	INSET Day
Tues, 21 st July	INSET Day

2015-2016 Dates for your Diary

Tues, 1 st September	INSET Day
Wed, 2 nd September	Chn return for the start of the 215-2016 Academic Year

Mon 26th October - Fri 30th October Half Term

Mon 2 nd November	INSET Day
Fri 18 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term - 1.30pm finish
Mon 21 st December 2015 - Fri 1 st January 2016	Holidays

Mon 4 th January	INSET Day
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**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - OFTEN BY OUTSIDE FORCES!
IF A DATE CHANGES, IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS SECTION.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Final Projects for 2014-15 Academic Year Star Assemblies

Please remember that the final projects for this academic year are due **TOMORROW**. This is so the certificates can be included in the children's total before the final star assemblies for this year.

Star assemblies will be held on Wednesday, 15th July. Letters for children receiving stars will be sent out next week. Assemblies will be held at the following times:

9.15am	Years Five and Six
10am	Years Three and Four
10.45am	Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two

And Finally

Hope to see you all at the Summer Fair this Sunday between 12noon and 3pm.

Karyn Ray Headteacher