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Events Next Week

Science Week
Mon, 17th 2W Assembly
Mon, 17th Camden Choir
Festival at the Royal
Albert Hall
Fri, 21st Sports Relief Day

Science Week

Next week is Science Week at New End. Children will be involved in a variety of activities including an interactive workshop on Monday and at least three different practical experiments during the week. To help with the funding of the event we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 per child. Please ensure that the money is sent in a clearly marked envelope.

Sports Relief

This year Sports Relief runs from Friday, 21st to Sunday, 23rd March. As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives. We will be marking the event on Friday, 21st March. This year we are all aiming to "Groove a Move" and "Move a Mile". All classes will be involved in a dance / aerobic session. They will also either run or walk their own mile, scooter a mile or work together as part of a team to complete an obstacle course over a mile. Children are encouraged to wear their sportiest clothes for the day to ensure that they are comfy for completing their mile and dance session. Children should collect as much money from family and friends to complete their mile / dance session and bring it into school on the day so that we can send off our donations to Sports Relief. Please ensure that the money is sent in a clearly marked envelope.

NESA Popcorn Film Afternoon

Don't forget that the NESA Film Afternoon will take place on Sunday, 23rd March. Doors open at 2.30pm for a 3pm start. Come and watch a brilliant film with your friends with popcorn and ice-cream! Films showing are 'Despicable Me 2' and 'Hugo'. Parents / Carers get to relax and chat with drinks and cakes. Suggested donation of £2 per child, adults free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you there to help NESA raise valuable funds for the school.

NUT Strike

The proposed strike by the NUT has been called for Wednesday, 26th March. Please watch out for further information in the newsletter as if the action goes ahead, there is a very strong possibility that New End would be closed.

Coffee with Karyn

The next Coffee with Karyn is Thursday, 27th March at 9.15am and will be on Internet safety. This is particularly useful for parents with children in Key Stage Two - that is, in years three to six. I hope to see you there.

New End Choir for Parents and Staff

We put out a call a while back for parents and staff interested in joining a New End choir for adults, who would meet to sing on a regular basis. Thanks for those of you who responded. We'd now like to make it happen! Are there any others interested in getting together to do some informal singing (no experience necessary), once every couple of weeks? If so, please do contact either louise.martin@ucl.ac.uk (Jojo's mum, year 6) or neal.whitmore@blueyonder.co.uk (Natasha's dad, year 5). We'd love to start singing soon!

Contact details: Have you moved home or changed your telephone number?

We continue to find that we are unable to contact some parents during the day because they have moved, changed their mobile phone number or no longer have a land line. It is vitally important that we are able to contact you during the day. Sometimes children become unwell and they need to get home and be looked after by their parents and carers. We have also been unable to contact parents when their children have been absent. We have a policy of contacting parents on the first day of absence unless they have contacted us. In fact, we prefer you to contact us and let us know if your child is unable to attend school because of illness. Just ring the school on 020 7431 0961 and choose Option 1 and tell us your child's name, class and the nature of their illness.

PE - There's no excuse!

PE is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum. This includes swimming. **If children are well enough to be in school, they are well enough to be doing PE!** Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Yellow Moon Catalogue

The code for the Yellow Moon catalogue that you received last week is SNE1234. If you use this code, the school receives a small percentage of your order as a donation.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to classes RS (96.15%) and 4P (98.28%) for the best attendances last week. These classes will host the teddies next week. Attendance across the school was 94.53%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.03%. **Please keep remembering to contact the school if your child is absent in order that the absence is authorised!** The most punctual classes last week were 1K (1 late) and 3P (1 late). Well done to all the children in these classes. There were 55 lates last week (1 more than last week), involving 41 children throughout the school (1 less than last week). **The Education Welfare Service was informed that ten children were late more than once in the week. Eight letters were sent to the families of children who were late more than once in a week.**

2013-2014 Dates for your Diary

Sun, 23 rd March	NESA Film Afternoon - NEW DATE!
Mon, 24 th March	RM Class Assembly
Tues, 25 th March	NESA Meeting - 8pm
Wed, 26 th March	POTENTIAL NUT STRIKE
Thur, 27 th March	Coffee with Karyn
Wed, 2 nd April	CSSA School Games
Fri, 4 th April	Last Day of Spring Term
7 th - 21 st April	Holidays
Tues, 22 nd April	INSET Day
Wed, 23 rd April	Children return for the start of the Summer Term
Thurs, 24 th April	CSSA Swimming Gala

DID YOU KNOW?

Trip Contributions

At times we ask for voluntary contributions to fund trips. We appreciate that the majority of parents bring in these contributions, for without them, it is not always possible for the trip to go ahead. We always keep the contributions to a minimum. Unfortunately in these times of tightening school budgets, the school cannot afford to make up the difference, which at times can be substantial. Without your support we may need to limit trips in the future so please try to bring in the contributions when requested. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

And Finally

Parents and carers are reminded that they should only park in designated areas when dropping off or collecting their child / children each day. **Please do not double park or park in our neighbours' driveways.** The reputation of the school amongst our neighbours is important so please show consideration and respect. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.