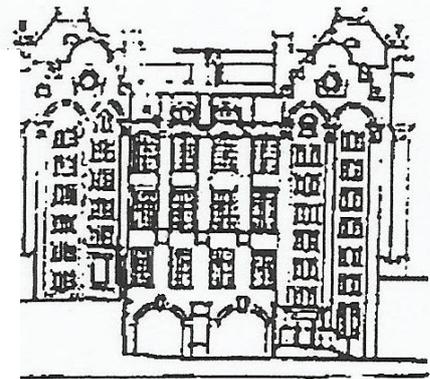


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Parent Governor Election

You will recall that a vacancy has arisen for a parent governor. More than one candidate has stood so there must be an election.

Ballot papers will be sent home after half term and parents will be able to vote for one candidate. Parent governors traditionally serve a four year term of office.

International Food Fair and Disco

We are looking forward to seeing you all this **Saturday, October 20th, 5:30pm – 8.00pm** to celebrate the many cultures of our school at this yummy evening where New End families bring dishes from their culture to share, and where young ones can rock and roll in the Disco on the ground floor.

Cost: £1 entry for adults and 50p for children payable at the door (children must be accompanied). Please bring two international dishes of your choice, and get ready to buy raffle tickets, to win local restaurant vouchers.

Themed school dinner

Karen, the New End catering officer, has arranged for a harvest meal to be served to all school dinner eaters. Before half term a chicken a vegetable hotpot will be served or a vegetable and lentil hotpot with homemade bread (baked here at New End) mashed potatoes, carrots and green beans followed by autumn fruit pie and custard, fresh fruit or yoghurt.

There will be other themed meals throughout the year like bonfire night, Christmas etc. and we will let you know when they are to be served.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to classes 1K (98.7%) and 4P (100%) for the best attendances in the week of October 1st. These classes hosted the teddies for the week. Attendance across the school was a very high 98.1%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.2%. The most punctual classes were RM and 5H (both no lates). Well done to all the children in these classes. Children in Class RM looked after the Early Bird for the week and Class 5H children were entertained by the Wizard. There were 37 lates in the week (12 less than the previous week), involving 29 children throughout the school (12 less than the previous week). This is much improved on the previous week's punctuality, but still below the school's target of a maximum of 30 lates each week!

House Points Winners

Congratulations to those children in Fenton House for being the first House to get their name plaque on the House Points trophy in the school entrance lobby. This is for accumulating the most points up to the week of October 1st.

'Harvesting For The World' Food Aid Collection

This Autumn we are again asking for donations to the charity Food Aid. Last year we raised nearly £70 for this important charity, which helps to provide people in the world's poorest countries with long-term solutions to poverty and hunger. Funds raised, for example, go to support countries like Ethiopia increase their production of nutritious food and fight starvation, growing their own food in order to survive and overcoming the effects of drought and climate change. Hawa Endrie, for example, benefited from Food Aid's trial potato farming project in South Wollo, Ethiopia. A few years ago, Hawa was the poorest person in her community. She was struggling to look after her four children and her mother, and had even resorted to begging to feed her family. With Food Aid's support, her life was transformed. "My family faced serious food shortages and we weren't able to have meals when we needed to. Now I have bought a plough and ox and a cow with the extra cash. Our diet has improved and I can say now that I am self-sufficient for food. My life has changed completely," says Hawa. Please send in your donation, however small, in an envelope marked 'Food Aid Donation', marked with your child's name and class. Thank you for your help! We will be sending all money donated to Food Aid at the end of next week (Friday October 26th).

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parents/carers were given the opportunity to sign up for consultation meetings before or after school. Do take this opportunity to meet your child's teachers and discuss progress and targets for the coming year. These discussions coupled with the year group open classroom should provide parents with an insight into the work of New End and our pupils.

Class Tea Year 5

The class tea on Friday 19th October after school is being hosted by Year 5, do come along and support this valuable fundraiser. This along with the other events provides a social dimension for the school community and is a great way to meet other families at New End.

Half Term Dates Reminder

School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 26th October and reopens on Monday 5th November at 8.55am.