

New End News

Newsletter 3 Thursday, 12th September 2024



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Events over the Next Week

Friday, 13th
Monday, 16th
Friday, 20th

9am Year 2 Parents' Meeting
9am Year 1 Parents' Meeting
Star Assemblies

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Class Assemblies 2024-2025

Class assemblies will be held at 3pm on a Wednesday. Year 5 and 6 do not do class assemblies due to their commitment to the Shakespeare in School's Project (Y5) and school production (Y6).

Dates are as follows:

Autumn Term Wednesday, 27th November 3P

Spring Term Wednesday, 29th January 4M

Wednesday, 5th February 4W Wednesday, 26th March 2S

Wednesday, 2nd April Nursery

Summer Term Wednesday, 30th April Reception

Wednesday, 7th May 3J Wednesday, 14th May 1K Wednesday, 21st May 1D

We hope to see you there!

Year Group Meetings

Thank you to the many parents who have already attended their child's year group meetings. Year group meetings provide parents with information about class routines as well as sharing news on the areas of learning being covered during the year. They will also give you the opportunity to meet the adults working across the year group.

All meetings will be held in the dining room on the following dates so please come along!

Friday, 13th Year 2 - 9am Monday, 16th Year 1 - 9am

Tuesday, 24th Nursery and Reception (combined meeting for EYFS)- 9.15am

<u>Secondary Transfer – A Reminder</u>

Year 6 parents and carers need to complete their applications for secondary school by 31st October 2024.

We will repeat our secondary school information coffee mornings in September. These are useful for parents in Years 4, 5 and 6. These will be held on Thursday, 26th September at 6pm and repeated on Friday, 27th September at 9.15am. These repeat meetings will explain the process of applying for secondary schools.

<u>Meet the Parents</u> are running <u>events for parents of primary pupils</u> who are moving up to secondary school started this week. These allow parents and carers to ask frank questions from other families - including current secondary students and their parents - and combine this with getting information directly from schools at their official open events. This year the remaining meetings will be held at:

- 16th September at Eleanor Palmer Primary School, from 6pm
- 16th September at Fitzjohn's Primary School, from 6.30pm
- 17th September at Holy Trinity and St Silas CofE Primary School, from 6pm
- 18th September at Gospel Oak Primary School, from 6.30pm
- 19th September at King's Cross Academy, from 4.30pm
- 19th September at Torriano Primary School, from 6.30pm
- 23rd September at The Cavendish School Camden from 4pm
- 24th September at Hampstead Parochial CofE Primary School, from 5.30pm
- 25th September at Christ Church School, Hampstead, from 6pm.

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Healthy Snacks

Parents and carers are reminded that children from Reception to Year 2 have access to fresh fruit and vegetable snacks each day. Children in all years can bring in their own snacks but these must be healthy snacks and preferably fruit or vegetables. Ideas for snacks can be found on the school website.

Please remember that these are snacks that can be eaten in 5 minutes and not a full meal! Some of the children are not being able to have a run around at playtime because it takes them so long to eat their "snack" whilst others are struggling to eat lunch as they are still full from their snack!

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.









School Clubs

Autumn Term Club letters will be sent home via Piota TOMORROW. They will run for 10 weeks. Signing up for clubs will be through your Scopay account.

Clubs will start from Monday, 23rd September with the last week being the W/B 2nd December.

The system for signing up will remain as last year.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT, UNTIL YOU HAVE PAID FOR A CLUB, YOU ARE NOT GUARANTEED A PLACE. It is not enough to have the club in your basket! This is the cause of issues last year when parents were adding a lot of clubs to their baskets and then realising that by the time they completed adding all clubs, some had disappeared.

As a result, signing up will take place daily.

Monday clubs will be available from 8.15am on Monday, 16th September.

Tuesday clubs will be available from 8.15am on Tuesday, 17th September.

Wednesday clubs will be available from 8.15am on Wednesday, 18th September.

Thursday clubs will be available from 8.15am on Thursday, 19th September.

No clubs run on Fridays.

Independent Travellers – A Reminder

All children who travel independently to and from school are required to complete an independent traveller form. This is for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 only. Once completed, please return to school ASAP.

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<u>School Uniform – a reminder</u>

Please be reminded that children are expected to be in **full school uniform**. This includes either the sweatshirt or cardigan.

Children should wear their PE uniform on their designated days for PE. (Once with the Sports Coaches on either Wednesday or Thursday and the second day for children in Years One to Six on the days that class teachers have noted.)

If you wish to order uniform, please go to Scopay. (If you do not have a Scopay account, please contact the school office.) The uniform is:

Royal Blue sweatshirt with logo

Light Blue polo-shirt with logo

Charcoal/Dark grey shorts, trousers, skirts, tunic/pinafore – No leggings!

Charcoal / Dark grey tracksuit bottoms (RECEPTION CHILDREN ONLY)

Blue and White gingham dress

Predominantly Black shoes/trainers/closed sandals

White/grey/black socks

PE – Royal Blue t-shirt with front and back logo, black or navy shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings

From this point forward, uniform orders will be sent home via children each Friday.

Please be advised if you are entitled to full benefits, we can support you. Please speak to the school office. As part of our sustainability drive, we are also happy to help with cleaned and good quality second hand uniform. Please email if you require if you would like some additional second hand uniform.

Photographs and Videos – A Reminder

Throughout the year there are many opportunities where teachers take photographs or video important events such as assemblies for use on displays around the classroom and school. This will be really important for sharing performances as parents are currently not allowed to be in the building. These help enrich the learning of the children and ensure that our school environment always looks exciting.

Permission slips for photographs and videos for displays, website, social media, etc have all been signed. If you wish to change your options or have forgotten what preferences you listed, please email the school office. (admin@newend.camden.sch.uk)

Applying for Free School Meals – A Reminder

If you believe you are eligible for Free School Meals, please follow the link here http://www.camden.gov.uk/fsm. If you're eligible, Camden will let you and the school know within 10 working days of receiving your application. However, it would be useful if you informed the school if you receive notification of your eligibility.

Even if you child is receiving a free lunch every day under the new scheme this year or is bringing in a packed lunch, it is important to apply if you eligible as the school receives additional funding on this aspect.

Contact Details

Parents and carers are reminded that is **absolutely VITAL** that we always have updated contact details. This is to ensure that we can quickly contact you in the event of your child taking ill or if they have an accident and need to be collected from school. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

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NESA News

A very warm welcome back from NESA! We hope that everyone has slipped smoothly back into the school routine, and is looking forward to a fabulous year.

For those newcomers, we look forward to meeting you all when the time comes, but for now, a few basics from NESA!

WhatsApp Group:

Please join our silent NESA WhatsApp Group – https://chat.whatsapp.com/HK100v4LrTP9iXhQQGAW42

It's used for general notifications; but regular updates, events and requests for volunteers are posted there so you can keep on top of it all, without the noise.

Welcome Drinks and Volunteers Roles:

We have some core roles that need filling, such as Uniform Ambassador, Social Media Manager and Event Coordinator – these are key volunteer roles, and work out to be no more than around 30 hours a year (that's only 4.9 minutes a day!). We will be discussing these roles, and more at our Annual General Meeting and Welcome Drinks on Thursday 26th September, 6:30pm-8pm.

It's a chance to hear more about NESA and what we do, meet other members from the school community, and perhaps more interestingly for some, grab a complimentary drink (or two!) on us - we'd love to see you all there.

You can RSVP here - https://bit.ly/NESAAGM2024, and sign up to our complimentary creche if finding a sitter isn't an option! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

NEST:

Lastly, if time is not freely available to you, then we are always eager for donations! One of NESAs' focus is managing NEST (New End School Trust). This trust is the sole source of funding for things like Unlocking Potential, music and The Shakespeare Festival! If you are able to, we would truly appreciate any donations that you can make, whether a one off, or a monthly standing order even as little as a cup of coffee a week would be gratefully received! You can find more details here - <u>cafdonate.cafonline.org/21029</u>. One New End family specifically funds Coding whilst another family funds Chess and French which we are extremely grateful for!

As ever, please do get in touch with me if you have any questions, suggestions or ideas - I'd love to hear them!

Max Christodoulou NESA Chair nesachair@gmail.com



And Finally

Congratulations to the children who completed the summer holiday writing challenge. Certificates were handed out this week. Prizes will be revealed in Friday's celebration assemblies! Look out for future details of projects throughout the year.

Continue to take care of yourselves and look out for each other.

Karyn Ray Headteacher

2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Fri. 13th Sept Y2 Parents' Meeting Mon, 16th Sept Y1 Parents' Meeting Fri, 20th Sept Star Assemblies

Mon, 23rd Sept Instrumental Lessons start for the Autumn Term Tues, 24th Sept Nursery and Reception Parents' Meeting – 9.15am start

Thur, 26th Sept Secondary Transfer Meeting - 6pm Secondary Transfer Meeting – 9.15am Fri, 27th Sept

Mon, 28th Oct – Fri, 1st Nov Half Term Fri, 8th November Star Assemblies Fri, 20th Dec Last Day of Autumn Term

Mon, 6th Jan INSET Day – school closed to children

Tues, 7th Jan Children return to school

Fri, 10th January Star Assemblies

Mon, 17th Feb - Fri, 21st February

Fri, 28th February Star Assemblies

Fri, 4th April Last Day of Spring Term

INSET Day – school closed to children Tues, 22nd April

Wed, 23rd April Children return to school

Fri, 25th April Star Assemblies W/B 12th May Year 6 SATs

W/B 19th May Year 6 School Journey Mon, 26th – Fri, 30th May

Year 6 Sch

Half Term

W/B 2nd June and W/B 9th June Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Star Assemblies Fri, 6th June

W / B 9th June Year One Phonic Screening

Fri, 18th July Last Day of the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Mon, 21st July **INSET Day** Tues, 22nd July INSET Day

DATE CHANGES OR IS ADDED, IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS SECTION.

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - OFTEN BY OUTSIDE **FORCES!**