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See the future...it starts here!

Events Next Week

Fri, 26 th Feb	Star Assemblies
	Y6 Cake Sale
W/B 29th Feb Book Week	
2 nd March	Coffee with Karyn
3 rd March	Snuggle up with a Book Day
4 th March	Book Swap and Cake

Book Week - Next Week!

Next week is Book Week at New End! We hope the children will get involved in all of the following activities:

Drop Everything and Read Tuesday - At various points throughout the day, children will be able to stop what they are doing and listen to the adult they are with read different texts.

Wednesday - Coffee with Karyn on Wednesday, 2nd March will focus on promoting reading at home and include book recommendations.

Snuggle up with a Book Thursday - Children are being encouraged to come to school in their pyjamas to coincide with World Book Day on Thursday, 3rd March. Children will also have the opportunity to meet up with a child in another year group to read at some point throughout the day.

Book Swap Friday will take place on Friday, 4th March in the ground floor hall. All children are encouraged to bring in a book to swap for another! We will also be holding a **Book Day Tea** after school. There will also be a **Book Day Prize Draw** drawn at this tea. (See separate note in newsletter)

Coffee with Karyn

At the last Coffee with Karyn we looked at the various statutory assessments completed in the school.

**** Early Years Foundation Stage Profile**

Throughout their time in Reception, children are assessed in several areas. These are the early learning goals in the prime areas of learning (personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language) and the early learning goals in the specific areas of mathematics and literacy. Results are returned to parents at the end of the academic year.

**** Year One Phonics Screening**

The Year One Phonics Screening Test will take place during the week beginning Monday, 13th June. All children in Year One are required to be tested. Children will be tested by their class teachers as they know the children best in school. The test will consist of 40 words and will include words and non-words (or nonsense words). These words have been included as children cannot read non-words by using their memory or vocabulary; they will have to use their decoding skills. Children will be aware that there is a mixture of words and non-words before starting the test. Parents will be informed of their child's results later in the academic year. There will be a pass mark set by the government. The pass mark last year was 32/40. Some children will not achieve the pass mark for a variety of reasons. They may be very young, have English as a second language, have special educational needs, etc. However, children who do not achieve the pass mark will have to re-sit the test in the summer term of Year 2.

**** Year Two SATs**

These Tests, tasks and assessments are compulsory for children in Year Two and take place throughout May 2016. Assessments are made in speaking and listening, reading, writing, mathematics and science. Results are returned to parents at the end of the academic year.

**** Year Six SATs**





These tests are compulsory for children in Year Six and take place in the Summer Term during the week beginning 9th May 2016. Children have formal tests in reading, mathematics and spelling, punctuation and grammar. Teacher assessments are made in these areas as well as speaking and listening, writing and science. Results are returned to parents at the end of the academic year.





Sample copies of the Year One Phonics Screening Booklet and both the new style Year Two and Six SATs papers can be found on the school website on the appropriate year group page.

The next Coffee with Karyn will be on Wednesday, 2nd March as part of Book Week.

Attendance and Punctuality

Here is last week's attendance and punctuality for all classes from Reception to Year 6.

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RM	95.33%	0% 	1 (1)
RS	95.33%	0% 	2 (2)
1K	97.04%	0.74%	1 (1)
1W	93.57%	1.43%	2 (2)
2E	94.00%	0% 	5 (3)
2M	97.93%	0% 	2 (1)

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
3C	95.57%	0% 	1 (1)
3P	95.52%	0% 	2 (2)
4K	97.43%	1.33%	4 (3)
4W	94.00%	3.33%	10 (8)
5H	95.52%	1.38%	2 (2)
5W	94.64%	0% 	4 (3)
6J	98.57%	0% 	1 (1)
6S	94.64%	1.43%	10 (5)

Attendance across the school last week was **95.63%**, with an unauthorised absence level of **0.69%**. Attendance to date this year is **94.92%**, with an unauthorised absence level of **0.44%**.

There were **47** lates last week (**4 less than last week**), involving **35** children (**4 less than last week**) throughout the school.

REMEMBER...Children who are late miss valuable learning time and disrupt the learning of their peers and their teacher's teaching.

An interesting piece of information...If children are to achieve their potential, good attendance and punctuality are critical. The link between attendance and achievement is well documented. Figures from the DFE demonstrate this very clearly. Its most recent study on this matter found that in general the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of KS2. In particular, pupils with no absence are 1.6 times more likely to achieve level 4 or above, and 4.7 times more likely to achieve level 5 or above, than pupils that missed 15-20 per cent of all sessions.

Promoting British Values

In 2011, the government defined British Values as **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**. We promote these values through our own school values, curriculum and enrichment activities. Over the next five weeks we will be sharing how we promote each of these areas.

The first is democracy. We promote democracy at New End by:

- We have an elected School Council. This is used as an opportunity to promote and teach about democracy and the electoral process.
- We encourage volunteerism in and out of school. This includes things like ABC's (Anti-Bullying Champions), Maths Buddies, lunch helpers, and also raising money for local and national charities.
- Democracy has been promoted through school elections where children have been involved in voting for a new school motto as well as house and vice house captains.
- Democracy is also promoted through class voting for school council representatives and additional PSHE lessons and assemblies.
- Children are taught about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and learn to respect their rights and the rights of others.

Next week...the rule of law!

PS If you can't wait until then, you can find all the information on our school website.

Application for Exceptional Leave of Absence for Children During term Time - Guidelines from the Education Welfare Service

Applications to request permission for a child to be absent from school during term time, may be granted for **exceptional** circumstances **ONLY**.

Any absence during term time is proven to be very detrimental, as your child misses important lessons, creating 'gaps' in their understanding of key concepts and they find it difficult to catch up, potentially causing a serious impact on their academic development and attainment. Teachers use valuable time helping returning pupils catch up, depriving those who really need them. Children also find it difficult to manage friendships and the class dynamic when they have missed key school events at the beginning or end of term.

1 The *Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013*, state that you do **not** have the right to take your child out of school for family **holidays** during term-time. The educational needs of your child take priority at all times.

2 The law only allows the school to grant permission for leave in the event of **exceptional** circumstances. Your request may be refused if it is not agreed that the reason for absence is exceptional. So **please do not book any travel tickets** without getting the school permission first.

3 **Family** weddings, anniversaries, cheaper airline tickets, family reunions and children's birthdays are **not** generally considered to be exceptional circumstances.

4 Visiting a relative who is unwell is also **not** normally a valid reason to disrupt your child's learning - If that relative requires the care and support of adults this should ideally be only while your child remains attending at school.

5 You **must** apply for permission in writing **beforehand**, using a form which can be collected from the school office. Please attach any documentary evidence that you feel will support your request.

6 If you take your child out of school **without** permission, you may be referred to the local authority, who may then prosecute you under the terms of section 444 of the Education Act 1996, or as an alternative, issue each parent with a Penalty Notice Fine. Penalty Notice Fines are issued at the rate of £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days; this rises to £120 if paid within days 21-28; if unpaid after 28 days, then the matter may then be referred to court.

7 If you need to travel at **short notice**, or are **delayed** on your return journey, then you will need to supply copies of all booking and travel documentation to show the dates that bookings were made, the original travel tickets as well as any evidence of rescheduled travel documents. All of this information is required by the school if they are to reconsider.

8 **If you have any children on-roll at another school, then permission from that school must also be requested and agreed.**

9 As well as the points in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, we take into account exam and SATs dates, your child's attendance and punctuality record, as well as their level of academic achievement or support needed around their learning in school.

10 If your leave request is *approved* and you then return to school **after** the date agreed, the school reserves the right to record the **entire** leave period as unauthorised absence.

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT LEAST 4 WEEKS NOTICE BEFORE ANY INTENDED LEAVE.

As "good attendance" is now defined as 96% and above, applications for exceptional leave will only be considered when a child's attendance is over 96% in the current academic year and in the previous academic year. Please be aware that any absence - even that which is authorised - counts towards your child's overall attendance figure.

Book Week Raffle

To celebrate World Book Week we have organised a Prize Draw with some great prizes:

2 x Tickets to 'Letter Live'

An amazing opportunity to see your favourite children's author and other well known actors and faces bring to life literary letters and correspondence at a Matinee performance at the Freemason's Hall. For more information go to <http://letterslive.com/>

2x Amazon Fire (7')

Inspire children to read using Amazon's kindle

1x £15 Daunt Books voucher

1x £10 Waterstones voucher

2x £10 Book Token

Tickets for the Draw cost £1 and will be on sale from Friday at the Year 6 Cake Sale and throughout World Book Week from your Class Reps. The Draw will take place on Friday 4th March at 4.00 at our World Book Day Cake Sale.

You can buy as many tickets as you like and all money raised will go towards books and literacy resources for New End School.

2015-2016 Dates for your Diary

Mon, 7 th March	2M Class Assembly
Tues, 1 st March	CSSA Football Finals
W/B 14 th March	Healthy Living Week - more information to follow
Mon, 14 th March	Coffee with Karyn - Supporting your Child's Emotional Well-Being
Mon, 14 th March	3C Class Assembly
Sat, 19 th March	NESA Quiz Night - More information to follow
21 st March	RS Class Assembly
Thurs, 24 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
25 th March - 8 th April	Holidays
Mon, 11 th April	INSET Day
Tues, 12 th April	Children return for the start of the Summer Term
Thurs, 14 th April	CSSA Swimming Gala
Fri, 15 th April	Star Assemblies
Wed, 20 th April	Governing Body Meeting
Mon, 25 th April	5W Class Assembly
May	KS1 (Y2) Testing Period
Mon, 2 nd May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Thurs, 5 th May	School Closed - INSET Day / Polling Day
Mon, 9 th - Fri 13 th May	KS 2 / Year 6 SATs
Tues, 10 th May	CSSA Y3/4 Football
Wed, 11 th May	CSSA Y3/4 Football
Mon, 16 th May	1K Class Assembly
Tues, 17 th May	CSSA Y3/4 Football Finals
Mon, 23 rd May	RM Class Assembly
30 th - 3 rd June	Half Term
Fri, 10 th June	Star Assemblies
Wed, 15 th June	Year 4 Recorder Assembly
20 th - 24 th June	Year Six School Journey
Mon, 20 th June	2E Class Assembly
Thurs, 23rd June	SCHOOL CLOSED - EU REFERENDUM
Mon, 27 th June	Nursery Class Assembly
W/B 13 th June	Year One Phonic Screening
Wed, 29 th June	CSSA Cricket

DID YOU KNOW?

Projects

As noted in previous newsletters....
Throughout the year, children can complete projects at home. These 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.
Projects can be handed in at the following times:
September, January, After Easter, July
Cut off dates are published in the school newsletter closer to the time. 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.
Please note that those projects that have already been handed in will be stored and returned with the other projects after the Easter break.

And Finally

Star Assemblies will take place tomorrow. Two assemblies will be held: Years Three, Four, Five and Six at 9.15am and Nursery to Year Two at 10am

Karyn Ray Headteacher

PS Please note that the school will be closed on Thursday, 23rd June as it will be used as a polling station for the EU Referendum.