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Events Next Week

W/B 3rd Open Classrooms
Mon, 3rd 5H Class Assembly
Thurs, 6th CSSA Sports Hall
Athletics

Possible NUT / NASUWT Strike

Parents and carers may be aware that the NUT and NASUWT have been taking rolling strike action re: pensions and changes to pay and conditions. These ballots were taken after a lot of effort to resolve the situation in other ways. The ballots agreed the action.

We have been informed that there is a potential NUT and NASUWT strike possible on or before Thursday, 13th February. The executives of both unions are meeting today to make a decision. 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. I apologise for any inconvenience that this action may cause and will keep parents and carers updated if any changes to the planned action are made before the day.

Parents and CRB Checks

Parents and carers are reminded that at New End we require all volunteers to be police checked through a CRB. This includes parents and carers who accompany their child's class on a trip or outing. The new CRB's have to be completed electronically.

Many parents CRB's have run out so are no longer covered.

If you think your CRB has run out, please contact Colleen Donovan in the school office.

If you would like to renew or get a new CRB, the following needs to be done:

- Email Colleen on colleendonovan@newend.camden.sch.uk with your full name, date of birth and address. Alternatively, collect and complete a form from the school office.
- Colleen will use the email address to register you.
- An email will be sent to you. Once this is done you need to complete the form and provide the evidence requested. A list is provided of the relevant documentation that can be accepted. Eg: passport, birth certificate or other forms of ID which are only valid within three months
- Bring in the evidence you noted on the electronic form to Colleen who will then be able to validate the information.
- Once this is completed, the check will be made and you should receive your CRB through the post within a couple of weeks.
- Bring in the CRB to Colleen so we can keep a copy on file.

As you can see, the process takes time so do not leave it until a week or less before you hope to help out on a trip as you will end up disappointed and not able to go!

Parents' Email Addresses

We are in the process of setting up a text messaging service to remind parents of upcoming events, make contact about absences, etc. We are also setting up an on line banking payment system for school meals payments. Both of these services should make it even easier for information to be shared and dinner payments to be made. We hope they will be in place by the start of the summer term at the very latest.

As part of the setup we require an email address if you wish to receive text messages or register for the online banking. Next week we will be sending home the data we currently hold for your child. Please check that this information is accurate and make sure you add an email address if you wish to be part of these services.

Open Classroom Mornings and Parent - Teacher Meetings

Don't forget that Open mornings take place in each classroom next week. These sessions will provide parents and carers with the opportunity to share some of their child's learning such as looking at their class displays and looking through their child's work. Class teachers have juggled trips, PE, Music, photograph day, etc to agree a date that best suits each year group this term. Classrooms will be opened from 9.15-9.45am on the following dates:

Tuesday, 4 th February	Nursery
Wednesday, 5 th February	Year One, Year Two and Year Five
Thursday, 6 th February	Year Three
Friday, 7 th February	Reception, Year Four and Year Six

Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held in the final week before half term - the week beginning 10th February. Dates to meet with your child's class teacher will be in the ground floor hall from Tuesday, 4th February between 8.30 and 9.10am.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to classes 2S (98.23%) and 5M (99.19%) for the best attendances last week. These classes will host the teddies next week. Attendance across the school was 95.52%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.66%. **Please remember 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 6W (no lates). Well done to all the children in these classes. There were 55 lates last week (6 more than last week), involving 43 children throughout the school (7 more than last week). **Seven** letters were sent to the families of children who were late more than once in a week.

2013-2014 Dates for your Diary

W/B 10 th February	Parent- Teacher Meetings
Mon, 10 th February	1D Class Assembly
Thurs, 13 th February	NESA Staff Appreciation Day
	POSTPONED to Wednesday, 5 th March due to potential NUT / NASUWT Strike
Thurs, 13 th February	POSSIBLE NUT / NASUWT Strike
17 th - 21 st February	Half Term
Thurs, 27 th February	CSSA Tag Rugby
Mon, 3 rd March	3P Class Assembly
Tues, 4 th March	CSSA Gymnastics
Wed, 5 th March	NESA Staff Appreciation Day
Mon, 10 th March	1K Class Assembly
Mon, 17 th March	2W Class Assembly
Tues, 18 th March	CSSA Football Playoffs - Girls
Mon, 24 th March	RM Class Assembly
Tues, 25 th March	CSSA Football Playoffs - Girls

DID YOU KNOW?

Well Done Chess and Quiz teams!

Last Sunday, New End's chess team played in the North London League competition. They have now made the finals of the competition later in the year. Well done to Adrian (Year Three) James, Noe (Year Four) Guy, Miles (Year Five) and Cosmo (Year Six)

On Monday, two quiz teams entered the National Junior Inter-Schools General Knowledge Quiz Championships. The competition was held at George Elliot School with eight teams involved. Both teams performed magnificently - including one team ended as runners up. Well done to Georgie, Linus (Year Three) Keya, Nuh (Year Four) Allie, Daniel (Year Five) and Anjali and Tomer (Year Six) - you did a fantastic job and did yourselves and New End proud!

And Finally

Tomorrow is the last day for the return of the uniform questionnaire. Please ensure that you return these tomorrow so that your views are included.

Karyn Ray Headteacher

PS A number of parents have asked about term dates for the 2014-2015 academic year. Governors will be approving these next Wednesday so they will be included in next week's newsletter.