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Events Next Week

Fri, 7th Star Assemblies
9.15am Y3,4,5,6
10am Rec,Y1,2
Mon, 10th 1K Class Assembly

Coffee with Karyn

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's Coffee with Karyn. The following topics were discussed:

**** Year One Phonics Screening**

The Year One phonics Screening Test will take place during the week beginning Monday, 16th 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 tasks and assessments are compulsory for children in Year Two and take place throughout the Summer Term. 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 12th May 2014. 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.

The next Coffee with Karyn is next Wednesday, 27th March at 9.15am and will be on Internet safety.

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.

Star Assemblies

Letters were sent out at the end of last half term to children receiving stars during the special assembly being held tomorrow, Friday, 7th March. Two assemblies will be held:

Years Three to Six at 9.15am

Nursery to Year Two at 10.00am

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!

Football News

Congratulations to the Boys football team in winning the Northern league in the Camden tournament. The boys now go on to compete in the Camden finals in a couple of weeks. In the last two games in the league, the boys beat Hampstead Parochial 3-0 and Rosary 2-1. The girls beat Hampstead Parochial 1-0 and lost to Rosary 1-0. The final record of the boys was played 12, won 11, drawn 1, with a goal difference of +29, leaving them in first place in front of Holy Trinity by one point. The final record of the girls was played 12, won 4, lost 5, drawn 3, with a goal difference of -2. The girls finished in 8th place in their league. We are awaiting the final table for the Fair Play League - watch this space! Meanwhile, I would like to thank John Souster (former New End parent), Pete Davis and Tom Buzzard for their fantastic help throughout the league season, which started back in early November, and, most importantly, all the many boy and girl players (amounting to around 25 children) who represented the school so positively in the league games. Thanks also to the many parents/carers who came along and supported the teams on the (quite often wet and cold!) touchline. **Steve Buzzard**

Thanks to **Steve Buzzard, Tom Buzzard, Pete Davis, John Souster** and all the parents for their guidance and support to the team throughout the league.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to classes 2S (98.67%) and 6W (100%) for the best attendances last week. These classes will host the teddies next week. Attendance across the school was 96.14%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.23%. **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 1D (1 late) and 5M (1 late). Well done to all the children in these classes. There were 54 lates last week (10 less than last week), involving 42 children throughout the school (4 less than last week). **Nine letters were sent to the families of children who were late more than once in a week.**

2013-2014 Dates for your Diary

Fri, 14 th March	CSSA Cross Country
Mon, 17 th March	2W Class Assembly
Mon, 17 th Mar	Camden Choir Festival at the Royal Albert Hall
Tues, 18 th March	CSSA Football Playoffs - Girls
Fri, 21 st March	Sports Relief Day
Sun, 23 rd March	NESA Film Afternoon - NEW DATE!
Mon, 24 th March	RM Class Assembly
Tues, 25 th March	CSSA Football Playoffs - Girls
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

DID YOU KNOW?

Congratulations Lucy!

Congratulations to Lucy (3W) who is the school's winner of the Camden 20mph Poster Competition. Lucy's design will be on display very soon around the local area. Lucy's prize is a £25 book voucher. Well done Lucy!

DID YOU KNOW?

Training the Trainers

Well done to Elsa (2W), Linus (3W), Audrey (4P) and Guy (5H). These children were wonderful Ambassadors for New End when they demonstrated their computer coding skills to a large group of Camden teachers at the CLC last Friday. Everybody was really impressed with their contributions.

And Finally

Don't forget that Star Assemblies will take place TOMORROW. The first assembly at 9.15am will be for those children receiving their stars in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The second assembly at 10am will be for those children receiving their stars in Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Karyn Ray Headteacher

PS Year group newsletters will start again this week.