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Events Next Week

Fri, 10th Year Four Class Tea
Sat, 11th NESA International Food
Evening and Disco
W/B 13th Open Classroom Sessions -
9.15-9.45am
Fri, 17th Year Five Class Tea

Industrial Action

Please remember that there is a possibility of industrial action next Tuesday, 14th October. A note detailing how this will affect the school was sent earlier in the week. A final note will be sent via pupils and email on Monday to confirm whether the strike is going ahead.

Attendance and Punctuality

Many parents often comment when seeing their child's attendance at the end of a school year that they have let the school know about the absence but question the lower than anticipated attendance rate. Parents and carers are reminded that any absence from school is considered an absence on your child's record. Certain absences are authorised (for example if a child is ill, has a medical appointment or there is a bereavement in the family) whilst others are unauthorised as the reason provided is not a reason we can approve.

Congratulations to classes 2L (98.93%) and 6J (99.61%) for the best attendances last week. Attendance across the school was 96.45%, with an unauthorised absence level of 3.82%. The most punctual classes last week were RM (1 late) and 4W and 6J (0 lates). Well done to all the children in these classes. There were 52 lates last week, involving 39 children throughout the school. **From next week, letters will be sent to the families of children who were late more than once in a week. These letters stay on your child's file for the Education Welfare Officer to monitor.**

International Food Evening and Disco - This Saturday!

Don't forget that our International Food Evening and Disco will be held on Saturday, 11th October between 5.00pm-7.30pm. The evening will help us celebrate the multicultural nature of our school. We are hoping to share each other's cultures by tasting food from our native lands. We are asking parents to make donations of food that can be shared on the night. This could be sweet or savoury, but we must ask that **NO NUTS** are included in any RECIPE. **This includes sesame seed and peanut in any form, as we have a number of children and adults who have severe nut allergies. It also means that peanut, sesame, and other nut oils should not be used.** We would ask parents and carers to try to use **disposable serving dishes** as it will help facilitate the clean up. If this is not possible, please make sure that all **dishes** are **labelled** with your name so that you can collect the dish before you leave on the night. Once again the event will be spread over three floors - the disco on the ground floor, with the first and second floors serving food. Both floors will have a bar selling drinks, but the middle hall will be alcohol - free as last year. Tickets will cost £1 per adult and 50p per child.

We are asking for any donations of soft drinks, water, wine or beer. If you can make a drink donation, please email chair@newendschoolassociation.co.uk Hope to see you all there! **NESA**

Foreign Money Collection

Do you have any foreign coins or notes at home left over from holidays or old European notes and coins from the pre-Euro days gathering dust? Well now you can put them to good use and help raise money for the school. NESA are collecting the coins and notes which we will exchange and put towards the school's fundraising.

Dig out those coins and notes and send them into school office for NESA in a marked envelope or bring along to the International Food Fair - with over forty nationalities at New End we have a unique opportunity to celebrate our multicultural mix through our coin collection. **NESA**

Don't forget ... Open Classroom Mornings Next Week

Open mornings take place in each classroom prior to the Parent - Teacher Meetings. 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:

Monday, 13 th October	Year Four
Tuesday, 14 th October	Year One, Year Two, Nursery (Nursery's will be postponed if there is a strike)
Wednesday, 15 th October	Reception,
Thursday, 16 th October	Year Five
Friday, 17 th October	Year Three, Year Six

We hope to see you there!

Coffee with Karyn

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Coffee with Karyn about the changes to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Information is being prepared for the school's website about these changes, so I will let you know when this is activated. The next Coffee with Karyn is on Wednesday, 19th November and will be discussing Rec End Year Assessment, Y1 Phonic Screening, and Y2 and Y6 SATs.

Year Six Nearly New Sale

Fed up with all those clothes that no longer fit? Wanting a new home for all those toys that never get played with anymore? Or simply ready for a good-old fashioned "spring clean" (in Autumn)? Then look no further. The Year Six Nearly New Sale will be held after school on Friday 7th November. We will accept any and all gently used items: clothes, toys, household goods. Grown up and children's fare most welcome. All proceeds go towards helping to finance the Year Six journey and related events. Any questions? Contact Delia Boylan on delia.lloyd@gmail.com.

Language of the Week

Next week's Language of the Week will be **URDU**.

Here's some words we will be learning:

Greeting	علیکم و السلام
Please	یہرہان بہ راہ
Thank you	شکریا
Yes	ہاں جی
No	نہیں

2014-2015 Dates for your Diary

W/B 20 th October	Parent-Teacher Meetings
27 th - 31 st October	Half Term
W /B 3 rd November	Big Draw Exhibition
Tues, 4 th November	4-6pm CSSA Football begins (for 14 weeks)
Fri, 7 th November	Star Assemblies
Fri, 7 th November	Year Six Class Tea
Fri, 7 th November	Governors' Finance and Staffing Committee
Fri, 14 th November	Reception Class Tea
Mon, 17 th November	3W Class Assembly
Wed, 19 th November	Coffee with Karyn - 9.15am
Fri, 21 st November	Nursery Six Class Tea
Mon, 24 th November	5M Class Assembly
Sun, 7 th December	NESA Christmas Bazaar
Thurs, 11 th December	Coffee with Karyn - 9.15am

DID YOU KNOW?

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent - Teacher Meetings will be held in the final week before the half term break - that is the week beginning Monday, 20th October. These meetings will provide you with an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. Times will be available from **Monday, 13th October**. Sign up sheets will be available everyday in the lower hall from 8.45-9.15.

And Finally

Last Wednesday children (and staff) from Year One to Year Six had great fun at our first Puzzle Day. Everyone was involved in an hour long session whereby they had to work together in groups to solve various puzzles. A great time was had by all! My thanks to Alan Girling for organising the event (and for carrying all the boxes upstairs!)

Karyn Ray Headteacher