



New End Primary School
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Events Next Week

Fri, 11th Steve Buzzard and
Sara Harris' Retirement
Assembly - 2.30pm
West Playground
Year Group Meetings Continue
Tues, 15th Meet the Parents
Secondary Meeting - 6.30pm

Respecting our Neighbours and Local Community

As a school we talk a lot about respect. Respect in the classroom. Respect in the playground. Respect around the school. Respect for our peers. Respect for those older than us. Respect for those younger than us. Respect for those in our school. Respect for the wider community.

A number of local residents have been in contact commenting on the illegal double parking, horn blowing as a result of cars parking and blocking the streets, dogs being left chained on railings and the noise levels at the beginnings of the day after children have gone into class and at the end of the days prior to and after the children are collected.

Please show consideration to our neighbours and remember that this is a residential area where we all reside, and as such, would not want to upset or offend anyone. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year Group Meetings

Thank you to those parents in Year Five and Six who have already attended the year group meetings.

Remember, these year group meetings will 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 start at 9am in the first floor hall on the following dates so please come along!

Friday, 11th Sept

Year 4

Monday, 14th September

Year 3

Tuesday, 15th September

Year 2

Wednesday, 16th September

Year 1

Thursday, 17th September

Reception

Friday, 18th September

Nursery

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

DON'T FORGET - Secondary Transfer Meetings

Parents with children in Year Six will soon have to make decisions about secondary schools for next September. We will be holding two meetings to discuss the move into secondary school on Thursday, 24th Sept at 6.30pm and repeated on Wednesday, 23rd Sept at 9am. Parents of children in Year 4 and 5 who will have to make decisions in the next year or two may also find it useful to attend.

We are also holding our Meet the Parents evening **NEXT** Tuesday, 15th September from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Parents from all year groups can come and ask questions from a friendly semi-circle of up to 12 parents and children from Achland Burghley, Hampstead, Haverstock, Parliament Hill, UCL Academy and William Ellis schools. This is a really useful way of getting down-to-earth information about the secondary schools on our doorstep. We hope to see you there.

PS These meetings are to provide information for adults, not children.

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. These help enrich the learning of the children and ensure that our school environment always looks exciting. **If you do not wish your child to be videoed or photographed, please make an appointment to discuss this issue with me.**

Healthy Morning Snacks

A healthy snack at morning breaktime can include a piece of fruit, dried fruit, raw vegetables, a sandwich or water. We cannot allow cereal bars as many include nuts! The advice from Camden and the Food Agency is as follows:

The School Food Standards guidance for foods other than school lunches state that more of these healthier items should be encouraged as snacks at break times:

- Fruit and vegetables. These can include fresh, dried or juiced (these two are only recommended as part of a meal/not on its own as a snack due to dental hygiene considerations), frozen, canned varieties
- Drinking water
- Milk, water, 100% fruit juice and milkshakes that contain less than 5% added sugar
- Seeds, vegetables and fruits with no added salt, sugar or fat are permitted
- Malt Loaf or fruit bread
- Lower fat natural yoghurt

Snacks/products which should be avoided are:

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate coated or flavoured biscuits, sweets and cereal bars
- Crisps of any variety
- Cakes, biscuits or pastries

Remember children from Nursery to Year Two get free fruit (eg: apples, satsumas, carrots, etc depending on the season) for breaktimes as part of a government initiative, so if you prefer, they can just have this as their snack each day.

Parking Dispensation Permits for 15/16 - A Reminder

We wish to inform parents that Camden Council has agreed to continue with the policy of reducing dispensation permits for car parking in residential areas in the Borough.

As part of the policy New End have received from the Council a very small number of permits in line with the policy to reduce them to zero. This year the permits are strictly for **15 minutes** and there are separate morning (drop-off) and afternoon (pick-up) permits.

We have been instructed by the Council to give priority, in distributing the few permits we have, to parents of children in reception and nursery classes or to those with specific medical needs. **Due to the restricted numbers, very few, if any, permits will be distributed to parents of children older than reception.** The criteria for allocating the places was ratified by the governing body and uses the following criteria: 1. Nursery and Reception children living outside Boundary A. (0.5 miles) 2. Children and or parents with a medical need. Documents to support this need will be required. 3. If places remain, permits will be allocated based on distance from the school.

Parents who believe there are extenuating circumstances whereby you believe a permit is absolutely essential, are asked to put their request in writing to the school office **by 9am on Friday, 18th September**. However this will still not guarantee a permit. Please note that parents who had a permit last school year will not automatically receive one this year. **Application forms are available from the office.**

Feasibility of Breakfast Club at New End - A Reminder

Previously there has been insufficient interest amongst the school community to establish a Breakfast Club at New End. However as new parents have joined and others' needs may have changed, we once again are asking if there is sufficient interest. For the running of such a club to be financially viable there would have to be a minimum of 20 children attending each day. Due to staff- children ratios children would need to be in Reception before they could attend. The cost would be approximately £35 -£40 per child per week or £7 - £8 per day. Parents would have to pay at least a week in advance - **if your child was absent, you would not get a refund.** Children would be provided with breakfast as part of the cost. Children would be involved in quiet and calming activities such as reading and board games in order that they had the right start to their day. **If you are interested in using this facility, please email Helen Hooper at Helen@kidsoosa.com stating which days of the week you would require ASAP or by Friday, 11th September at the latest.**

2015-2016 Dates for your Diary

W/B 14 th September	Parents' Meetings continue - see dates earlier in newsletter
Fri, 11 th September	2.30pm Sara Harris and Steve Buzzard's Retirement Assembly
Tues, 15 th September	Meet the Parents Secondary Meeting - 6.30pm
Fri, 18th September	NESA Welcome Tea
W/B 21 st September	Instrumental Lessons begin
Wed, 23 rd September	Secondary Transfer Meeting - 9.15am
Thurs, 24 th September	Secondary Transfer Meeting - 6.30pm
Fri, 25 th September	CSSA Cross Country
Fri, 25th September	Class Tea - Year One
Mon, 28 th September	Governors' Home School Liaison Committee
Fri, 2nd October	Class Tea - Year Two
Mon, 5 th October	Governors' Standards and Curriculum Committee
Wed, 7th October	Coffee with Karyn - 9.15am - NESA AGM
Fri, 9th October	Class Tea - Year Three
W/B 12 th October	Open Classroom Sessions - 9.15-9.45am - more to follow
Tues, 13th October	School Meals Taster Session - 2.45pm
Fri, 16th October	Class Tea - Year Four
W/B 19 th October	Parent-Teacher Meetings
26 th - 30 th October	Half Term
Tues, 3 rd November	4-6pm CSSA Football begins (for 14 weeks)
Fri, 6th November	Star Assemblies
Fri, 6th November	Class Tea - Year Five
Fri, 13th November	Class Tea - Year Six
Wed, 18 th November	Coffee with Karyn - 9.15am
Fri, 20th November	Class Tea - Reception
Fri, 27th November	Class Tea - Nursery
Sun, 6 th December	NESA Christmas Fair
Wed, 9 th December	Coffee with Karyn - 9.15am
Tues, 15 th December	Whole School Production - 10.30am and 2pm
Wed, 16 th December	Whole School Production - 10.30am and 2pm
Thurs, 17 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Fri, 18 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term - 1.30pm finish
21 st Dec - 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
Mon, 4 th January	INSET DAY
Tues, 5 th January	Children return for the start of the Spring Term
Fri, 8th January	Star Assemblies
Wed, 13 th January	Governing Body Meeting
Tues, 27 th January	CSSA Sports Hall Athletics
15 th - 19 th February	Half Term
Tues, 23 rd February	CSSA Football Playoffs
Fri, 26th February	Star Assemblies
Tues, 1 st March	CSSA Football Finals
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, 15th April	Star Assemblies
Wed, 20 th April	Governing Body Meeting
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
Tues, 17 th May	CSSA Y3/4 Football Finals
30 th - 3 rd June	Half Term
Fri, 10th June	Star Assemblies
20 th - 24 th June	Year Six School Journey
Thurs, 23 rd June	CSSA Athletics
W/B 13 th June	Year One Phonic Screening
Wed, 29 th June	CSSA Cricket
Wed, 6 th July	Governing Body Meeting
Wed, 20 th July	Last Day of Academic Year - 1.30pm finish

Please note that new dates are in bold.

DID YOU KNOW?

New End Stars

New End has a star system to encourage and reward children. From when children enter the Nursery until they leave at the end of Year Six, the system works as follows:

- Every time a child receives an individual certificate or their class receives a certificate during Friday's Achievement Assemblies, receives a certificate for a project or represents New End at a sporting or outside event, this is noted.
- Once a child has received five certificates, they are awarded with their first star. A star is then awarded every time a child adds another five certificates.
- When a child reaches 5 stars, they also receive a special medal. This is followed by certificates at 10, 15, 20 and 25 stars.

Children achieving stars will be presented with them during a special assembly each half term. Parents are warmly welcome to attend these assemblies. The dates for these assemblies are noted in the diary section.

Music Tuition at New End

All children at New End have a weekly music lesson with our Leader of Music, Maria Walker. These lessons focus on developing the children's singing and composing and playing percussion instruments.

Children in Year Four also have a weekly recorder lesson as part of the borough's Wider Opportunity programme.

If you want your child to learn an instrument, forms are available from the school office. We currently have some spaces available for violin tuition. These lessons take place during the school day and your child is removed from class for these lessons

School Clubs

Forms must be returned by **4pm TODAY**. Parents will be informed by Friday, 18th at the latest of the clubs their child has a place in with payment due by Wednesday, 23rd. Clubs will commence the W/B 28th September. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL CLUBS MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN START. IF THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH PAYMENT, YOU MUST SPEAK TO MS RAY BEFORE SIGNING UP.**

Welcome Tea

Next Friday, 18th September, the members of the NESAs Committee are hosting a tea to both welcome our new families to New End and say welcome back to all other members of the school community.

The teas are usually held in the West Playground at the end of the school day on the Friday dates specified. If it is raining, the teas are held in the ground floor hall. Each year group takes it in turn to host the tea and are responsible for bringing in yummy treats to sell.

We hope to see you all there!

DID YOU KNOW?

Ms Ray has been working her way through holiday projects. There has been such a variety of work - from holiday diaries to PowerPoint presentations, home-made games to created websites, and information based projects on so many different subjects! Well done to all the children who did such great work. Children will be receiving a certificate and little note about their project as soon as they are read!

Electronic Newsletter - A Reminder

Parents and carers are reminded that a copy of the newsletter can be sent electronically if preferred to a paper copy. If you wish to receive the newsletter electronically, just email me at: head@newend.camden.sch.uk and I will add you to a year group list. Unless I hear otherwise, I will keep sending emails to those parents who requested the newsletter in this format last year. Parents on this list will also receive information by email about short notification when the school has to be closed (e.g. inclement weather causing sufficient staff not being able to get into school, dangerous condition of playground / building, etc). If you would like your name to be added to this list but still want to get a paper copy of the newsletter each week, just drop me an email.

For the next couple of weeks whilst we are in transition, all children will receive a paper copy even if parents receive an electronic copy as we do not want anyone to miss out on important information.

Kidsoosa@New End After School Club

Kidsoosa, which operates the after school club on site from 3.30 to 6pm each school day, has a few places for parents that might require childcare. Please contact helen@kidsoosa.com if you are interested. The cost is £14 per day for an advanced booking and £17 per day for a last minute booking.

Lost Property

All the uncollected and unnamed clothes have now been sent to charity.

It is worrying to see the amount of quality clothing discarded and never collected. Please remember to label your child's clothing so that if it is misplaced, we can return it to your child. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

And Finally

To mark the retirement of Steve Buzzard and Sara Harris, a special assembly will be held TOMORROW at 2.30pm. Steve has worked at New End since September 1988 and Sara since September 1996. Past and present parents and carers are welcome to attend the assembly to show their appreciation of Sara and Steve. An afternoon tea for parents will follow.

Karyn Ray Headteacher