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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The end of our first full week, and what a busy week it has been! The children have been working hard and embedding those expected behaviours for learning in and around the school. We welcomed all of our Reception children into school and they are all now attending full days. Our Nursery children have all been having longer sessions and are coping really well with their new routine.

Thank you to all of you for being so considerate when dropping off and collecting your children. Thank you for socially distancing, keeping the gates clear and for wearing face coverings. It really is appreciated.

It is great to see so many of our pupils using sustainable transport to travel to and from school. If your child is cycling to school, please ensure that they remember to wear their helmet.

**Meet the Teachers:**

I know that at the beginning of the year it would be the ideal time to invite you all in, to meet with the teaching team and get to see your child's classroom. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, I do not think it wise to invite you to a meeting in a small space.

We have decided to hold these meetings remotely, using Google Classrooms. All you will need in order to access the meeting is your child's login details. If your child was here in the summer, these details have not changed. All the children will have been reminded of their login details. The new children will have been given their login details. Once you have logged into Google Classroom, there will be a 'Meet Code' link visible on the page – **please see the attached getting started with Goole Classroom crib sheet.**

Date	Time	Year Group
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	4:30pm	3
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	4
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	1
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	5
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	2



At these meetings the teacher will share with you what the children will be learning and will give you an opportunity to find out about class routines, homework etc. You will also have the opportunity to ask the teachers any questions you may have.

### **Meet the New Headteacher:**

Again, I would have loved to welcome you all into school to meet you in person, unfortunately I am unable to host anything in school. Therefore, I am going to be hosting three Virtual meetings; one for our Early Years parents and two repeated sessions for parents of children in Key Stage 1 & 2. This will be an opportunity for me to introduce myself to you all. I hope that you will all be able to attend. I will be sending a Zoom link to you all, nearer the time.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	4:30pm	KS1 and 2 (Session 1)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00pm	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm	KS1 & 2 (Repeat)

### **Wednesday Word**

Please see the link to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend. <https://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/thewednesdaywordwebsite/>

### **Applying to start primary school 2022**

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2022 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

### **Secondary Transfers etc**

Many of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting secondary schools and sitting tests during the coming weeks. Please ensure that you inform the office if your child is going to visit a school or needs time to sit a test. In order to minimise disruption to their learning in class, please ensure that they are only absent for part of the school day on which the exam or visit takes place.

### **Packed lunches**

If your child brings in their own packed lunch, please ensure that it follows our Packed Lunch Policy (attached). It is vital that children's lunches are healthy. Can I also stress how important it is that they do not contain nuts – including peanut butter, Nutella and anything containing sesame seeds – **because of the life-threatening risk** to other children, who may have a severe allergy.

### **Water bottles:**

The children are encouraged to bring in a labelled water bottle every day; may I remind you please that only water is allowed. Flavoured water / juice is **not** allowed.

### **Uniforms**

Please could I ask you all to write your child's name in their uniform, particularly their jumpers and coats. It is ever so frustrating to not be able to return brand new jumpers to their owners. Please help us by writing their names on the inside label.

The children are allowed to come to school on their PE days in their PE kits. May I please remind you that the PE kit needs to be **plain** black or navy blue. The tracksuit should not have visible branding and logos.

If anyone needs help with the uniform, please contact the school office. We have lots of nearly-new uniform in all sizes.

### **Food Bank**

Please be reminded that the school's foodbank is open. If you would like to access it, please contact the school office. If you are able to donate to the foodbank, all donations will be greatly received.

### **Parking**

Please care for our neighbours by parking with consideration. Please ensure that you do not park across driveways or in our local estates when dropping off or picking up your child. Our local estates are not public areas and therefore parking of unauthorised vehicles is against the law.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Chorus**

After an 18 month break, the Chorus will recommence rehearsals on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September in the church from 8-00pm to 9-30pm. We hope to welcome back all our current and past members and it would be wonderful to meet new singers as well. We set no criteria about singing standards or ability to read music, just an enthusiasm to enjoy singing.

For the time being we will still have to follow guidelines around the safe use of church premises and we will keep hand sanitising, socially distancing when singing and masks or visors will need to be worn. Whilst this is not ideal for a choir, it does mean we can at least begin to sing together again. Our hope is to work towards a Christmas concert in early December.

Don't be shy, come along for a taster session.

Wishing you all a happy weekend,

Claire Gillespie

