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Notes for your diary

3rd until 9th March – Book Fair at Newstead Road site after school only.

3rd March – Bingo Night (6.15pm Junior site)

7th & 8th March - Parent/Teacher Meetings both sites

15th March – Friendship session (Junior site after drop off)

30th March 7pm - Internet Safety Meeting For Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Events this week

Fr Emeka came to the junior site to lead us in a special Ash Wednesday service.

Today, 4K went on a very exciting visit to London Zoo and they took part in a really engaging Rainforest workshop to support their topic learning.

Thank you for your fantastic response to World book day on Thursday! The children looked amazing. They took part in lots of story based activities throughout the day. It is wonderful to see the children developing such a love of books and reading. Thank you for your tremendous support in this.

Research has repeatedly shown that parental encouragement and involvement in a child's reading is a more powerful factor in educational attainment than other family background variables, such as social class, family size and level of parental education. World Book Day reminds us all about the powerful leveller that reading can be. Studies into child literacy have found that when children read for pleasure they acquire, *involuntarily and without conscious effort*, better language skills; acquire a larger vocabulary; develop the ability to understand and use complex grammatical constructions; develop a good writing style and become good spellers. Books introduce them to new ideas and allow them to experience other lives, help them to understand and absorb new information and concepts at school and also promote a more self-sufficient approach to learning in general.

Supporting your child with friendships

Questionnaires and other feedback have shown us that many of you worry about how your child develops friendships and how to support your child if they fall out with friends or get left out. We have invited a team of experts in this area to run an informal session focusing on these issues, for parents and carers. This will be held in the library at the Junior site on Wednesday 15th March after drop off. So come along for tea, coffee, cakes and lots of really helpful advice and support. Infant site pupils can be dropped off from 8.50 on this morning. There will be a crèche facility during this session which is expected to be from 1 - 1½ hours duration.

Don't forget it's Family Bingo Night!

Family Bingo Night! Bring the kids, friends and relatives to an evening of fun, nibbles, drinks and great prizes! The Bingo will be hosted by the Friends at the Junior School Hall at 6.15pm tonight. Cash bar serving drinks and nibbles available. All proceeds raising money to support our school.

Open Evenings

Tuesday 7th March

Infant site between 3.30pm and 6pm

Junior site between 4.30pm and 7pm

Wednesday 8th March

Infant site between 4.30pm and 7pm

Junior site between 3.45pm and 6.15pm

You can sign up for your preferred time on the forms in the reception areas. If you cannot pop in to sign up, then call the school office after 9.30am and before 3pm and we will do our best to accommodate you.

You can make an appointment for a 10 minute discussion with your child's teacher. You will also be able to spend time looking at your child's work before your appointment if you arrive a bit earlier.

In order to ensure you don't have to wait, teachers will use timers. It is really important that appointments do not overrun but if you need more time then you are welcome to arrange a follow up meeting.

There will be crèche facilities at both sites during these meetings.

Dynamo Youth Football Club

Please follow this link to read details of a Soccer Summer School flyer:

<http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/newsletters/>

Attendance & Punctuality for this term

Total late 29 throughout the school. Congratulations to 6M, 4/5L and Reception B with no late children.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	93%	4	Year 2T	97%	1	Year 4K	96%	4
Reception B	95%	0	Year 2F	94%	2	Year4/5 L	99%	0
Year 1 A	95%	3	Year 3U	98%	1	Year 5T	99%	1
Year 1 R	94%	1	Year 3A	98%	7	Year 6M	99%	0
						Year 6F	99%	5

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