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Newsletter No 27

31st March, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,
I can't believe we have got to the
end of another term already!
It is fantastic to see our building
project finally underway.

Notes for your diary

Last day of half term Friday 31st March – <u>normal school closing</u>
Wednesday 19th April - <u>Back to school</u> - 8.45 Junior site & 9.15 Infant site
Summer Uniform after Easter – please see website

Events this week

All our Year 2 pupils had a great day, learning about plants in Horton Kirby on Monday.

The children loved our Easter egg hunt on Wednesday. Thank you so much for your generous donations and thanks to our Friends who organised this event.

A really memorable event this week was our talent show. This was organised by our very capable year 6 pupils and involved so many children that we had to run a second event. We are extremely blessed to have so many talented children.

We also had a very memorable visit from Lourdes, who works for the BBC and ran the air pollution competition, which so many of our children entered. She talked to the children about air pollution and showed them how she had displayed all their posters all around the corridors and offices of Broadcasting house. Some are also on the BBC website, as are photographs of some of our children. Competition winners received an invitation for a tour around the BBC studios and an Easter egg.

This morning the children brought in lots of coins and managed to create a line of money all around the perimeter of the playgrounds at each site. We have managed to raise a huge amount for the East Africa Crisis Appeal, we will let you know after Easter the exact total. Thank you so much for your amazing generosity.

Today, we also had a beautiful Lent service at the junior site which was blessed by Fr Emeka. This was followed by the sacrament of reconciliation for all or older pupils. It will be lovely to be able to include our youngest children in this service next year when we are all on one site.

Easter Holiday

We will return to school on **Wednesday 19th April**. Please note that this return date has changed. It has been necessary to move our INSET day from 18th May to the 18th April. I hope this will not cause you any inconvenience.

Internet Safety

All our pupils at the junior site took part in internet safety sessions led by childnet. Please ask them what they have learnt about keeping safe. It was great to see so many of you at our meeting for parents and carers. Feedback was really positive.

Please see the following link on our web site which will lead you to a PDF document and the Childnet information web site for Parents & Carers: http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/newsletters/

I would also like to draw you attention to an article featured on the BBC, regarding thousands of videos on YouTube which look like versions of popular cartoons but contain disturbing and inappropriate content not suitable for children. Please see the link below:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-39381889

Easter Holiday Reading



It would be fantastic if you could encourage your children to read every day over the Easter holiday. Please listen to them, read as much as you can and discuss what they have read. A trip to your local library would really encourage your child. The library often holds special free events for children during the school holidays.

Big Peddle - 20th - 31st March

Well done to all our pupils who made such a huge effort to make extra scooter and bike journeys during the past two weeks. We managed a total of 1826 journeys! This is an amazing achievement!

Message from The Friends

Thank you to all parents and carers who donated to the Easter Egg Hunt. The children had an amazing time and were so pleased to take an egg home.

The Friends would like to say a big thank you to the whole school community for supporting our fundraising events this term. We've a held a cake sale, a Family Bingo Night and an Easter Egg hunt that together raised around £1000 for the school.

We are looking forward to a fun filled summer term. Some dates for your diary: Mexican Night on 10th June; School Discos on 16th June and Family Fun Day on 8th July.

We wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school with a coffee morning on Thursday 27th April.

School meals next term - Year 3 to 6

Lewisham Council have advised us that the cost of school meals will increase to £2.10 per day with effect from 1st May.

The amount for next half term will be £55.90 – calculated as follows £16 (8 days at £2 per day) from 19th April until 28th April plus £39.90 (19 days at £2.10 per day) from 2nd May until 26th May.

<u>School meals next term – Nursery</u>

The amount for Nursery children who attend full-time will be £55.90 - calculated as follows £16 (8 days at £2 per day) from 19th April until 28th April plus £39.90 (19 days at £2.10 per day) from 2nd May until 26th May.

The amount for Nursery children who attend part-time will be as follows:

Full day Monday: £8.30 Full day Tuesday: £10.40 Full day Wed - Fri: £12.40

Please note that Nursery dinners can now be paid via ParentPay from April.



















John Ball Primary School

John Ball Primary School is running a strings ensemble in conjunction with Lewisham Music Hub. They have 15 places available to other local schools. The strings ensemble is open to any KS2 pupil learning a string instrument, at any ability level. It will be run by Evie O'Driscoll (specialist strings teacher) at John Ball Primary School 3:30 – 4:30pm on Wednesday afternoons starting after the Easter break. The total cost for 10 weeks of tuition is £30. Should you wish to sign up, please email Stephen Mitchell, Music Coordinator at John Ball, on:

smitchell61.209@lgflmail.org. The deadline for signing up is Friday 7th April.

Please note: children will need to be dropped off and collected from John Ball School, no arrangements are in place for collecting children from other local schools.

Attendance & Punctuality for this term

Total late 28 throughout the school. Congratulations to 6F, 6M and Rec C with no late children. Well done to 5T with 100% attendance.

Class	<u>Attendance</u>	Lates	Class	<u>Attendance</u>	Lates	Class	Attendance	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	93%	0	Year 2T	97%	3	Year 4K	97%	5
Reception B	94%	2	Year 2F	99%	3	Year4/5 L	97%	1
Year 1 A	98%	2	Year 3U	97%	3	Year 5T	100%	2
Year 1 R	96%	2	Year 3A	97%	5	Year 6M	94%	0
						Year 6F	99%	0

Have a wonderful Easter and enjoy lots of eggs.

Margaret Hanrahan















