



22nd April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the two week holiday. The weather was glorious and long may it continue. It was fantastic to see all the children come back this week, full of stories about their Easter adventures.

There are lots of exciting things planned for the children during this busy summer term. As they arise, I will as always, share them with you. Next week all the before and after school clubs start and Year 2 and Reception both have trips.

Swimming Sensation

Thomas in Year 4 has raised £710 for the [Cafod Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#). During the period of Lent, every time he went swimming, he swam approximately 20 lengths. Thomas swam a total of 150 lengths of the pool and received sponsorship for his efforts! I'm sure you'll all agree this is a marvellous achievement. We are all very proud of you Thomas!

Survey

Please find attached the results from the parents/carers who provided me with feedback at the end of term. Thank you for participating. I will, along with all the staff, reflect on what has been said to us and continue to work for the best of the children.

Make it Happen

Today, the KS2 children all attended a presentation where they were told about an exciting competition they are going to take part in. They are all going to plan and design their own apps. This app may be educational or solve a problem they may have. In two weeks time they will submit their app designs. The winner of the competition will have their winning design made into an app, that we will all be able to download! [Make it Happen](#) is a charity sponsored by J P Morgan. We are the first school in London to participate in the competition, thanks to one of our Year 6 parents, who works for J P Morgan.

Reception Places for September 2022

All parents/carers should have received the email from Lewisham detailing the primary school given for September 2022. We will be getting in touch soon with all our new families. If you were not given a place and have made it known you would like one for your child, you are on our waiting list. We will contact you, if and when we are able to offer a place.

April:

26th: Year 6 Parents Meeting

May:

2nd: Bank Holiday

9th -12th: Year 6 SATs Week

10th: 2pm Little Wandle Parent Intro

11th: Friends Cake Sale

20th- 23rd: Yr 6 School Journey

24th: 9:30am Little Wandle Parent Intro

30th: Half Term

Little Wandle: Letters and Sounds Revised Meeting (Repeat):



Tuesday 10th May 2pm or Tuesday 24th May 9:30am in **School**

As you know in EYs and KS1 we are using [Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds Revised](#), as our new phonics programme. We will be repeating the introductory meeting this half term in school. We look forward to see you there.

Clubs

Clubs start next week. Please see the grids below giving the breakdown of what is running.

Fees will be on ParentPay in a couple of weeks, once the children have started.

	Time		Club	
Monday	3pm to 4pm	Playground	Cricket for years 3 & 4	Some places still available
	3pm to 4pm	Main hall	Yoga for years 3 to 6	Some places still available
Tuesday	3pm to 4pm	Main hall	Buzz Fit years 1 to 3	Some places still available
	3.15pm to 4.15pm	2FC	Chess	FULL
Wednesday	3pm to 4pm	Computer suite	Coding	FULL
	3pm to 4pm	Playground	Cricket years 1 & 2	FULL
Thursday	3pm to 4pm	Main hall	Creative Fitness yrs 1 to 3	Some places still available

Football			All FULL
Monday	3pm to 4pm	Years 1 & 2	
Tuesday	3pm to 4pm	Year 3	
Wednesday	7.45am start	Year 5	
Thursday	7.45am start	Year 6	
	3pm to 4pm	Year 4	

Parent Governor Elections

Next week I will be inviting you all to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for two parent governors and there is currently one vacancy.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with skills in finance. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor, attend free induction training

School Dinners

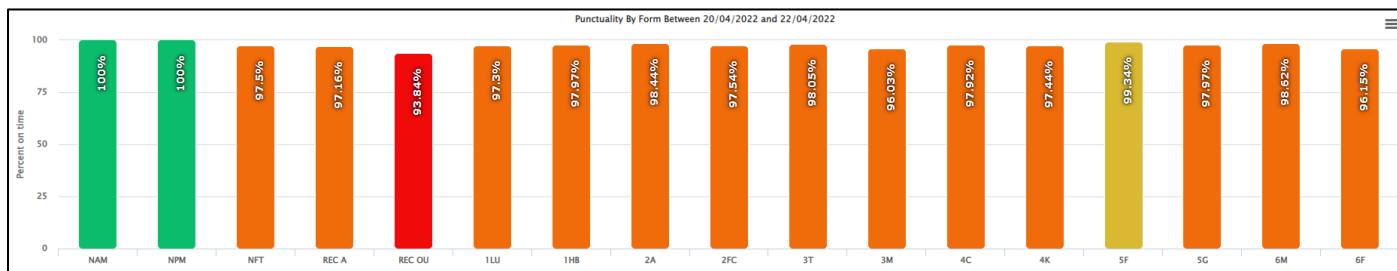
Please find attached the Summer 2022 menu. The only alteration we have made, is that on a Friday there is no meat option, it is just fish or vegetarian choices on the menu. As you will see from the parent / carer survey, many comments were made regarding school dinners. Parents/ carers are to be invited to sample the menu this term. I will be in touch as soon as Chartwells confirm this date.

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, especially now after the holidays as stocks are looking a little low.

Punctuality:

Please could I stress how important it is for the children to be in school on time. The gate is open from 8:30am-8:45am. Assemblies and lessons begin shortly after. So much learning is lost when the children are late to school. We do encourage the children to be on time, but ultimately primary aged children depend on their parent / carers to be on time. Punctuality again was less than expected this week. Please endeavour to get the children to school on time.



This week's winner is: 5F with 99.3%! Well done to 2A, 3T & 6M who all achieved above 98%!

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/>

Parent App:

Most parents are using the app now, if any of you need any help or would like to download it, please contact the school.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, it really is very much appreciated.

Claire Gillespie

