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Notes for your diary

Friday 5th May 10.15 - School Mass at Our Lady Of Lourdes Church in honour of Mary Thursday June 8th – School closed for General Election (both sites)
Friday 16th June – School disco at Junior site

Dear Parents and Carers,

Events this week

On Monday, all our Year 2 and Year 3 pupils had a visit from our librarian. She ran a really enjoyable workshop in each class.

On Wednesday, 5T went on a very exciting visit to the planetarium.

On Thursday, lots of our junior pupils went to Brindishe Manor for our first collaborative choir rehearsal. It is great to have the opportunity to work with other local schools in this way.

Also on Thursday, the Friends ran a Coffee Morning infant site and it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Our building programme is going really well and is very much on track.

School start times

There seems to be lots of confusion about morning start time.

School begins at **8.45** at the junior site, so children need to be in line and ready to go to class by this time.

School officially begins at **9.15 at the infant site**. Reception children have always been allowed to start going to class from 9.00 as this alleviates congestion in the entrance area.

We are also accommodating families with children at the junior site, by allowing them to drop infant site siblings off and send them to their classes from 9.00. All other children in Nursery and Year 1, must wait in the playground with their adult, until the bell goes. I hope this clarifies things. If you are still unclear, please let me know.

Uniform

As the weather is currently very changeable, it is fine for children to wear their winter uniform on colder days. However they must wear school shoes. Boots are not allowed during this term.

School Mass in honour of Mary

On Friday 5th May, we will be taking all the children from the junior site to church, for a school mass. Our Year 1 children will also be joining us for this service. It would be lovely if you could come and share in this celebration with us. You are welcome to bring your child from Reception or Nursery to the service with you and take them to school afterwards. The service will start at 10.15am.

Nursery Places for September 2017

We will be sending out offers on Tuesday 2nd May.

Educational Visits

We recently sent out questionnaires to you about our educational visit provision. We received 154 responses and these were overwhelmingly positive about our current provision and the cost of visits.

We are however struggling to recover costs on many visits because of a very low level of contributions. We are aware that a number of our families are unable to contribute and we are happy to cover this cost. However on a number of visits, contributions are paid by less than half of our families.

We are in the very fortunate position of being able to balance our budget for the next three years but we do need to be very careful. Unfortunately, if we cannot come closer to covering costs of future educational visits we may have to cancel them.

We will strive to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming visits and costs. We will also try to keep down the cost of visits and subsidise from school funds whenever possible.

We would be really grateful if you could pay for visits on Parent Pay before returning slips to the office as this will ensure payments are not forgotten.

News from the Friends

Thanks to all parents who came to the Coffee Morning and enjoyed a cup of tea and a slice of cake before getting started with their day!

With summer fast approaching we are organising our next events and the first one for your diaries is the Disco, on 16 June, at the Junior Site. We need at least 10 volunteers per disco so if you can help please send us an email: stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com.

If you are unable to help with the disco but interested in volunteering for future events please do let us know as we have a list of Flexible Friends.

The PTA has partnered with Stamptastic to raise funds for the school. Stamptastic is a brand that sells a personalised stamp you can use to name your child's belongings. The stamp works on fabric, metal, wood and some plastics. No more sewing or ironing on labels! In the next few weeks the PTA will be leafleting at both sites to bring you more information about the scheme. On the leaflet you will find a code: SE120SJ you can use to buy your stamp online via http://www.stamptastic.co.uk/. The school will then get 20% of all orders received through our unique code. It's an easy way to fundraise, hope you can take part!

Finally, The Friends hold a stock of second hand uniform available to buy at a small cost (£2 per item). We have summer dresses, short sleeved shirts and shorts, most of them covering the 7-10 year old age group. If you are interested, send us an email to stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com.

Lewisham Music Service Newsletter

Please follow this link to access this Newsletter from the Music service: http://mailchi.mp/c57b1269634d/lewisham-music-newsletter-april-2017?e=bfbb899170



















For Mental Health Awareness Week 8th-14th May

On Sat 13th May @7.30pm in Our Lady Lourdes Church Hall -Ali Ryan (Ambassador for MQ: Transforming mental health through research) invites you and your family to a mental health awareness and wellbeing fundraiser (talk, cakes, cocktails, drinks, raffle, darts & racing car match, & fun!)

School Photos

School photo proofs were sent out on Monday this week. Please ensure that you send your orders into the office by **Tuesday 2nd May at the latest**.

Attendance & Punctuality for this term

Total late 59 throughout the school.

Class	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	Class	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	Class	Attendance	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	97%	3	Year 2T	99%	5	Year 4K	99%	4
Reception B	97%	5	Year 2F	99%	5	Year4/5 L	97%	1
Year 1 A	97%	15	Year 3U	97%	3	Year 5T	99%	3
Year 1 R	98%	2	Year 3A	92%	9	Year 6M	97%	3
						Year 6F	96%	1

Enjoy the long weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan















