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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Meet the teacher

It was great to see so many of you at our meetings on Tuesday. I hope you found these informative and helpful. We would really value your feedback on these and any other aspect of school life. It would be really helpful to know how your children are settling into their new classes and if there is anything else we can do to support them.

I would like to say a huge **Thank You** to our 'Friends' for all that they have done this year to bring our community together and for all the money they have raised for our pupils. I was given a cheque for an amazing £10,700 to enable to enhance learning experiences for all our pupils. This makes a huge difference! I would also like to thank you for all the support you have given this year to enable the Friends to raise this money.

We are very sorry to lose many of our very hardworking committee; Aideen Brannan, Azille McKiniven, Karen Masterson, Gloria Begu and Karen McClaren. We would like to thank them for their amazing dedication to our school and all they have achieved over a number of years for all our children.

We will be desperately seeking new committee members to continue this great work, so if you feel that you might be able to join the friends please let us know.

Notes for your diary

Harvest Festival Friday 12th October

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 **9.00am**

Years Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - **2.15 pm**

Parents and carers are invited to join us in our Main school hall for these services.



After School Clubs

Clubs will start next week and continue throughout this term until 7th December (except Buzz Fit on Wednesday that starts 3rd October until 12th December)

Payments will appear on ParentPay in the next 2 weeks.

Applying to start primary school 2018-19

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2019 can now be made on line. Link to our web site:

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

If you live in the borough of Lewisham:

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school/Pages/default.aspx>

If you live in the borough of Greenwich:

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply_for_a_school_place/458/apply_for_a_primary_school_place

If you live in the borough of Bromley:

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/13/primary_school_admissions/72/making_an_application_for_primary_school

Contact information Years 1 - 6

It is essential that we have up to date contact information for every child.

Over the next few weeks each child will receive a printed 'check form' to take home. Please sign and return these forms amending any information that is incorrect. Thank you.

Open Days for Secondary Schools

Please follow this link for the Lewisham School open sessions:

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/Pages/open-days.aspx>

International Academy of Greenwich Link: <http://www.iaog.org.uk/open-days/>

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Chorus of Our Lady of Lourdes Lee

A reminder that this term's rehearsals have restarted again on Monday evenings in the church at 8pm in preparation for our Christmas concert. It doesn't matter if you were not able to make the first couple of sessions as there is plenty of time to catch up. It seems wrong to talk of Christmas so early - but we need the next few months to rehearse some old and new music. If you have never sung with a choir before then this is a great term to come along for a couple of taster sessions as much of the music will be familiar to you and EVERYONE loves singing Christmas carols and songs. The welcome is of course open to all our current and past members and please do ask friends and family to join. We especially would welcome younger people and more MEN!!

Link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Christmas-Generic-Invitation-Poster-GS.pdf>

Message from the Friends

Thank you to all who attended the AGM on Tuesday evening. It was our great pleasure to present Miss Hanrahan with a cheque for £10,700 which would not have been possible without the support of parents and friends of the school as well as our local businesses.

Full details of the year are in the Chair and Treasurers reports

(Link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/friendssnewsletter/>) but we wanted to give a quick flavour of how the money has been spent to benefit all our children: an artist to work with children to create the wonderful recycled plastic art installation in the main hall; equipment for the sensory room and playground in the early years block; new benches for the hall and playground; resources to support the school including workshops; books, instruments, sports kit and new animal houses as well as treats for the children. Money raised has further been used to enable to refresh the peace garden which is an oasis of calm for the children.

*****WE ARE RECRUITING!*****

At the beginning of this term we say goodbye to a number of very dedicated Committee members including our fantastic Chair, Aideen, who ably led us to break all school fundraising records this year. This means we will be unable to continue to host all of our usual events and raise so much money without some new members. We are under-staffed and we need your help!

What would I have to do? The Friends run a number of events throughout the year. You won't be asked to help with all of them, we have sub-committees so that we all get a rest. The bigger the Committee, the more rest we get!

How much time will it take up? We usually have one full Committee meeting per term and if you are on a sub-committee there may be a couple of extras for the event you are working on although the Family Fun Day is a whole committee event. Meetings are usually after bedtime and sometimes in the pub (unless we are really trying to concentrate). There is no 'typical' committee member and everyone has different responsibilities and demands on their time. We understand that you are busy so we try to work round that.

What are the benefits? All of our children benefit from the funds raised by the Friends so it is a great way to ensure you maximise the learning and development opportunities for your children. The events bring our community together, you get to know people all over the school and really connect with school life. The skills you pick up or enhance could benefit you personally and/ or at work

Interested? Still not sure? Why not speak to one of the Committee (listed below) in the playground, contact your class rep or email us at stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com. Perhaps you could be a 'flexible friend'? We will call on you if we need extra volunteers to plan or to help host an event as and when you might be required. Sometimes it will be to help shop, or set up, or spend half an hour on the door, or to lend us your slow cooker!

Please come and talk to us!

Amii Camelia- (mum to Raffaella in Yr1); Bakiyath Badarou (mum to Doryanne in Yr2); Carina Philpot (TA Early Years); Rachel Taiwo (mum to Theo in yr 2); Giuseppe Spano (dad to Sofia in Yr 1) Charlene (mum to Mia in Yr 2) and Jo Musgrove (mum to Max and Lucas (yr2) and Hamish (Rec))

*****WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU*****



Lewisham Music Holiday Courses

Lewisham Music are running two fantastic holiday courses during the half term break with the return of their Rock & Pop School (children in school years 5-11) Link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Rock-and-Pop-School-leaflet2018.pdf> and Lewisham Junior Orchestra (children in school years 4-8) Link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Lewisham-Junior-Orchestra-leaflet2018.pdf>

Both courses cost £40 (£15 concessions) and will run on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 October from 10am-3.30pm at Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham. For further information and to apply please visit

www.lewishammusic.org/learn-with-us/holiday-courses

Attendance

Please support your child by ensuring they are in school before the bell is rung each morning. Lots of our pupils are arriving late every day and missing the beginning of their learning. **All classes including Nursery and Reception, are expected to start their school day at 8.45.**

Class	Attendance	Late	Class	Attendance	Late
Reception C	99%	0	Year 3F	95%	2
Reception BC	98%	1	Year 4T	98%	2
Year 1A	94%	6	Year 4CW	97%	2
Year 1LC	99%	6	Year 5K	98%	6
Year 2A	100%	6	Year 5F	97%	3
Year 2M	98%	2	Year 6F	99%	4
Year 3W	94%	0	Year 6M	100%	1

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan