

1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Huge congratulations to all of our Holy Communicants. Last weekend many of our children made their first Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes. It was wonderful to see so many of our children take this step in their faith. This Sunday, at 11am at Our Lady of Lourdes, there will be a celebratory mass for all the children, followed by a celebration in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing many of you there. As a school, we are also planning a celebration for all of the children, who made their first Holy Communion, in this parish and in others before the end of term.

July:

3rd: Holy Communion celebration 11am
8th: Reception & Year 1 Sports Day 2pm
9th: Summer Fair
21st: Last day of term

Thank you to Father Emeka and to Ms Murphy and Mrs Abbs, our catechists, who prepared the children for this special sacrament.

Sports Week:

What an action packed week we have had! There have been sporting events daily. The children have had running and skipping heats during the week, with the finals taking place today. We have had a smoothie bike being used by the Year 5 & 6's, where they have had to use pedal power to use the blender. The sports days were fantastic, the children had a brilliant time (despite the rain). This afternoon, we are concluding the week with a girls football tournament, after school with other local schools. Thank you to all the parents, who gave up time in their day, to come and cheer the children on. A huge thank you to Mr Toynton for organising this entire week!



As rain stopped the Reception and Year 1 Sports day mid-way through. We are planning to finish their sports day next week: **Friday 8th July, 2pm**. If you would like to come back, hopefully in the sunshine, and see the children, you are more than welcome.

Classes September 2022

As you are all aware, we plan to mix the classes in September. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, we know that the children will need support through this change. This is why, we have the following measures in place to ensure that by the end of this term the children are secure and confident with their new class in September. The children also know they can come and speak to me or any adult in school, about any concerns they have.

Some of the measures include:

- Assemblies explaining the changes to the children
- Consultation with the children, asking them which of their friends they would like have with them in their new class
- Regular trials of the suggested class combinations, with feedback from the children
- PSHE lessons dealing with the worries and issues arising amongst the children

As a school we value and foster positive friendships amongst all the children. Another benefit of this change, that the children have identified, is the opportunity to make new friends and become closer to one another. We have already noticed that year groups are playing more with the children from the other class in their year group on the playground. There will still be plenty of opportunities to collaborate with their peers as year groups, such as in nativities, theme days and performances.

Summer Fair

JULY 9th: The countdown is on to the Summer Fair which is only **ONE WEEK AWAY!**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help. If you haven't signed up yet, we always need more volunteers - the more the merrier! (Flyer Attached)



During this busy prep week, we really need your help with donations:

- **Bottles of anything!** Wine, beer, shampoo, ketchup...anything goes as long as it is an unopened bottle! Please leave in the donation box at reception before Wednesday 6th July if possible!
- **Soft toys** in good, clean condition. Please leave in the donation box in reception before Thursday 7th July if possible!
- **Cakes, cupcakes, biscuits** - any home or shop-bought donations welcome. Please bring cake donations on the day, or on Friday 8th July after school.
- **Buffet food donations** - during past family fun days we have had such a lovely variety of food donated by our fantastic parents and we are asking for your help again this year. Please donate dishes for our buffet table - salads, snacks, sausage rolls, or perhaps you would like to make an international dish for everyone to try. All food to be dropped on the morning of July 9th please!
- Please return your filled **sweetie cones** to school, or if you cannot fill them we would appreciate if you could return the plastic sachet to the office.
- **And finally...**we desperately need to borrow **GAZEBOS**. So please do get in touch via email or WhatsApp if you could lend us one for the day.

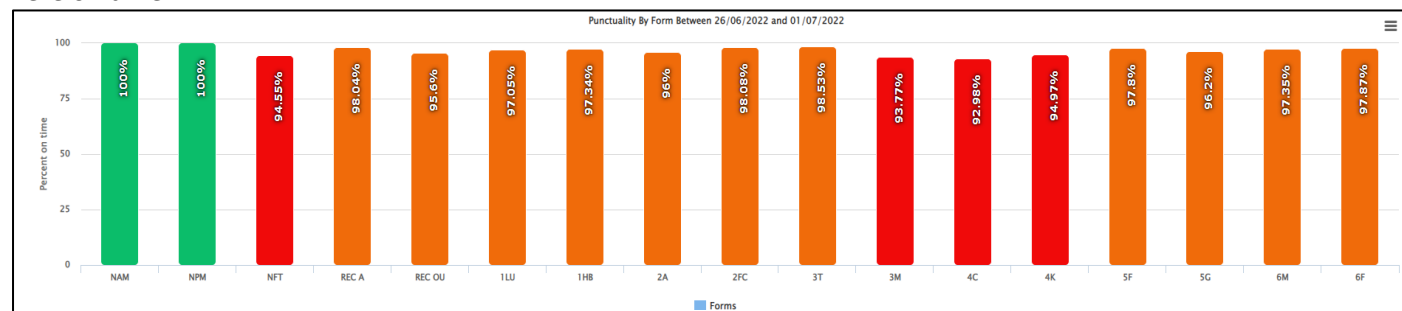
Thanks so much to our brilliant community - it is going to be a great day! See you there!

ParentPay

Please could everyone check on ParentPay to see if they have any outstanding payments due for trips/visits/clubs. As we near the end of this school year we would like to reconcile all the outstanding items that are still on ParentPay. Without these contributions, the school suffers a financial loss. If anyone is struggling to pay and would like to speak to me, please ask the office to arrange a meeting with me.

Punctuality:

Punctuality continues to be an issue. The gates are open from 8:30am – 8:45am. Please ensure that your children are here on time.



This week's winner is 3T with 98.5%!

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chorus Diary date

The next performance by our Chorus will be on Sunday 17th July at 4pm in the church. The main work in the programme will be Faure's Requiem along with some other pieces. Please put this date in your diary now.

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:

We re-sent a link last week, to those parents who have not downloaded it. There are **280** app users, which equates to over 360 children. I have had really positive feedback from parents, who are using it. You are able to access all the information we hold on your children. Since using the app, so many contact details have been updated. Vital information that we need, if we needed to contact you in an emergency. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie

