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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you will all be able to join us this evening for our 'Welcome BBQ' organised by the Friends. This should be a wonderful community event.

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th September 6 – 8.30pm BBQ run by the Friends
Tuesday 15th October 7.30pm – Friends AGM

On Thursday, Class 2A visited The Unicorn Theatre to see Anansi the Spider. 6M visited Horland's Farm to compare how land is used in the countryside in contrast with London to enrich their learning about their UK study. Today Year 5 visited The Royal Observatory where they learnt about 'The Universe on your Doorstep' These experiences will enable our pupils to consolidate and deepen their learning topic for the Autumn term.

Late coming procedure

I have been asked for clarification on procedures at the beginning of the school day.

The main school gates are opened at 8.30. Children are allowed to come into the playground from this time but are not allowed to run around as this would be unsafe when so many people are lining up.

All pupils are expected to be in the playground by 8.45 ready to line up. Reception and Nursery pupils are expected to be waiting by their gate. The bell is rung at 8.45 and all pupils are expected to line up and follow their teacher to class. Learning begins straight away in classes, therefore pupils arriving after classes have gone to their classrooms, will miss out.

I close the main gates by 8.50 to ensure all parents and carers have time to leave the premises and to ensure the premises is safe and secure for pupils and staff.

Pupils arriving after the gates have closed will need to be taken to the school office. It is important to be aware that the school office is particularly busy at this time and it may take staff some time to record the names of all the pupils going through. For safeguarding and legal reasons, they have to write names of all pupils, time of arrival and reason for lateness. These are then recorded on the digital attendance system.



We understand that lateness can be unavoidable on a couple of occasions each year but should not happen on a regular basis. Please try to ensure that your child arrives in school **before** the bell each morning as this will help them to understand that school is important.

Harvest Festival

As a Right's Respecting School (RRS) we want to enhance understanding that all children have a right to nutritious food and a clean environment so they stay healthy (*article 24 of the UNCRC*).

13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK.

As part of our celebration for Harvest Festival this year, we will be collecting food for our local '**Helping Hands Foodbank**' at St Peter's Church which provides emergency food to local people in crisis.

We will also be collecting for the **Manna Centre**, as usual. This is a centre which provides meals for homeless people in London each day. A large amount of their food each year comes from donations at Harvest Festival.

We will also be donating some items to families in need in our school community through our **School Food Bank**. This is always available to our families so please let us know if you would like to come and take some items to help you out when things are difficult. This is kept very private and we can find a quiet time for you to collect what you need.

Each class will be collecting one food type (listed below) which is of most benefit to these great causes. We are asking each child to bring one food item to add to their class collection.

Donations of food can be brought into school from next week and the RRS reps will organise the collections for their class. If you would like to make a donation of food, please pick items from the list below.

6M	UHT Fruit Juice UHT Milk (1 litre)
6F	UHT Fruit Juice UHT Milk (1 litre)
5K	Toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, shaving cream, shampoo)
5G	Sugar (500g bags)
4F	Tinned Vegetables
4C	Pasta and pasta sauce
3F	Rice
3T	Tinned Meat
2M	Tea Bags
2A	Tinned Fish
1UB and 1LO	Powdered milk
Reception A and CO	Tinned Vegetables
Nursery	Breakfast Cereals

We will be having a service at 9.15 on Friday 11th October in the main School hall, for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. We will have a second service at 2.00 on the same day in the main school hall for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Again, you are very welcome to join us for this event.

Applying to start primary school 2019-20

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2020 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Lewisham Junior Orchestra

Please read the following link regarding a 2 day orchestral workshop during half term:

<http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Lewisham-Junior-Orchestra-leaflet-Oct-2019.pdf>

ParentPay

If you require your login details for ParentPay so that you can pay for meals/trips/clubs/instruments etc, please email admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk **stating the name of your child and class**, we will then reply with your details.

Attendance for this week

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Reception A	89%	Year 3F	93%
Reception CO	94%	Year 4F	98%
Year 1LO	98%	Year 4C	97%
Year 1UB	95%	Year 5K	98%
Year 2A	94%	Year 5G	97%
Year 2M	97%	Year 6F	95%
Year 3T	99%	Year 6M	88%

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Coffee morning after Sunday 9:00am Mass

Whether you attend the 9:00am Mass or turn up early for the 11:00am Mass on Sundays, please do come and in and join us in the church hall after the 9:00am Mass for tea, coffee, biscuits, squash and a chat.

Chorus news 1:

We hope you have all had a great summer holiday and are fully rested and ready to start preparations for the Christmas Concert which will be on Sunday 15th December at 4pm in the church. Rehearsals continue in the church this Monday 30th September at 8pm. It was great to see a few new faces these past 3 weeks – but there is always room for a few more enthusiastic members. There will be time to talk a little about the chorus, its aims to reach a broad range of musical abilities and how we learn, practise and perform. There will also be an opportunity for new and old members to ask questions.

Please remember that we are not "the church choir" but see ourselves more as a community choir and so one of our key aims is to build up the relationship between us as we learn together to improve our singing and musical skills.

Chorus news 2:

Our conductor, George Salmon, also conducts the local London Philanthropic Orchestra.

On this Sunday, the 29th September at 4.30 pm they will be performing again in Our Lady of Lourdes church

Link for flyer: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/LPO-Stroke-Assoc.pdf>

Please do come along, if you can, to support them and the work of the Stroke Association. Entry is free but there will be an opportunity to donate what you are able to as your means allow at the end.







There are more than 100,000 strokes in the UK each year (one every 5 minutes). The Stroke Association works to prevent strokes and to support everyone affected by it. You will very likely know someone who has been affected. So please do come along to enjoy some great music. The concert length is approximately 1.5 hours (including an interval for refreshments).




Please also encourage others to come if you can.





It will be really great to see you!!



Message from the Friends

   WELCOME DRINKS & BBQ ***TONIGHT*** FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 6 - 8.30PM   

   The weather is a little unpredictable but we are fully prepared! We have wet weather plans so that you can stay dry! We will be setting up our well-stocked, fully-licensed and reasonably-priced bar in the main hall and providing shelter for the BBQ queue. Come along and bring the family to enjoy an evening out of the rain with friends old and new. You DO NOT NEED TICKETS but it helps us to cater if you can sign up on the website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstwinifreds>. If you haven't signed up, you will be very welcome anyway! SEE YOU TONIGHT!

  ***FRIENDS AGM - TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2019 - 7.30pm***  

The Friends AGM will be held at the school. Come along and hear about what we do and see how we use the fundraising to support the school and your children. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and will be short and sweet with drinks and nibbles after. We have a couple of vacancies on the Committee this year so if you are interested in joining us, please drop us a line at stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com or text Andrea on 07714 622405. The Friends is a welcoming group of parents and staff who all chip in to do their bit - any support you can offer is most welcome.

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan