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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to The Friends for organising a fantastic 'Welcome BBQ' last Friday evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you in spite of the weather! It was a great success.

On Tuesday, Reception CO and Nursery went on a lovely visit to Manor House Gardens.

On Wednesday, Class 2M visited The Unicorn Theatre to see Anansi the Spider. Year 3 pupils went to the Horniman Museum to enrich their learning about Ancient Egypt and Reception A had a wonderful day at Woodlands Farm. 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.

Many of our classes have had a really inspiring story telling session this week as part of our focus on Black History Month. This session will lead to lots of follow up work in class. All other classes will be having their sessions next week. We used money raised by 'The Friends' to provide this wonderful experience for all our pupils.

Today we had a special service for all our pupils in the main hall. Our Mini Vinnies led prayers for a really happy and successful school year.

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

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 15th October 7.30pm – Friends AGM
Harvest Festival services 11th October



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. Thank you for the donations which we have already received.

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>

Applying for secondary schools for September 2020 – year 6 only

Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>

Applications are made online and have already opened (Sunday 1st September). **The closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October 2019 but it is recommended that you should submit your application online by Friday 19th October 2019.**

If you need any help or access to a computer, please contact the school office.

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	92%	Year 3F	99%
Reception CO	94%	Year 4F	98%
Year 1LO	98%	Year 4C	96%
Year 1UB	97%	Year 5K	98%
Year 2A	97%	Year 5G	97%
Year 2M	97%	Year 6F	97%
Year 3T	97%	Year 6M	98%

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:

Rehearsals continue on Monday 7th October at 8pm in the church for our Christmas Concert which will be on Sunday 15th December at 4pm, also in the church. It was great to see several new faces these past 4 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.

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.

We would like to thank those of you that turned up to enjoy last Sunday's concert by the London Philanthropic Orchestra. Not only was it a spectacular performance (conducted by our own George Salmon with his brother Henry in the violin section - yes they are both former pupils) but a sum exceeding £600 was raised to support the work of the Stroke Association.



Message from the Friends

 WELCOME DRINKS & BBQ 

 A huge *****THANK YOU ***** to everyone who came along to support the school at the Welcome BBQ. We are very pleased that the weather didn't put you off and we welcomed far greater numbers than we expected, which is fantastic! Some of you will know that we had to re-stock the BBQ and the bar more than once to cope with demand so we are very grateful for your patience and good humour. A special mention for our Year 1 BBQ dads & uncles for a sterling job in 'adverse' weather conditions - thank you, cooks! And thank you to DJ Yak Shak who kept us on the dance floor way beyond 8.30pm!

It was great to welcome some familiar faces and to meet some of the families who are new to the school.

We can't run these events without you so thank to all the people who chipped in to help out with the prep and on the night. You all helped to make it a huge success! We will let you know how much we raised as soon as the figures are out!

 *****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. Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in joining - we'll see you there!

The FriendsAmii, Andrea, Bakiyath, Carina, Giuseppe, Jo, Lara, Marta, Michelle and Visnja

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan