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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have come to the end of another very busy week. It was great that so many of you could attend our meetings last night. I hope you found them informative and supportive. Teachers are sending information home for those of you who were unable to join us.

I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to our Friends (PTA) for their incredible hard work and dedication to the school throughout the year. At the AGM last night, the Friends presented the school with a cheque for an astounding £10,000 to spend on our pupils. They really are amazing to have given so much of their time and energy to support our community and ensure that we have extra money so that all the children can have enriching and exciting opportunities. Thank you so much for supporting all of the fundraising events which were organised this year, these have been great opportunities for bringing our community together.

Building Progress at Newstead Road

We are looking forward to moving into our new main school block after school today. The builders are working frantically to complete on time. So from Monday the main school office will be in the new building by the road. If you need to see anybody in the office please come to the main door in this new building.

At the beginning and end of the school day, the main gates will still be opened to allow access for all of the pupils, parents and carers. These will be locked promptly by 8.50 in the morning and by 3.10 after school. Anyone arriving when the gates have been locked must go to the new school office. Office staff will ensure that children who arrive late are taken to their class. If your child is being picked up late for any reason, you will need to go to the new school office to pick them up.

Our kitchen is on track to provide hot meals again on Monday which will be a great relief to all those pupils who are fed up with sandwiches.

Notes for your diary

Friday 22nd September INSET Day – School closed for pupils

We had a lovely delivery of sparrow hotels, bat boxes and bug palaces today. They have been placed on buildings and trees around the site as part of our planning agreement. Our fruit trees and other lovely shrubs have also been planted. These will all create a beautiful environment and enable our pupils to learn about the wonders of nature and our responsibility to protect it.

We really appreciate patience and support during our building work. I hope you are as excited about our new environment as we are.

Centre of Excellence for Inclusion

At the end of the summer term, I informed you that we had a very rigorous inspection of our practice and achieved the Inclusion Quality Mark in recognition of our work in this area. At that time we were recommended as a centre of excellence and yesterday we were delighted to receive news that we are only the third school in the borough to achieve this status. This means we will be expected to support other schools and share practice in all areas of inclusion. You may notice our new purple logo at the bottom of this letter. We will choose some of our school council to attend the award ceremony next month.

Events this week

Last Friday, all of our nursery children went on a super trip to Bromley to build their new bears. The children were wonderful and they really enjoyed their first of many school trips. Chase and Rainbow have settled happily in the nursery and are looking forward to visiting each nursery child's home during the year.

Year 5K had a really inspirational visit to Horton Kirby to study Woodland Habitat. We ensure that all our pupils take part in regular visits to environmental centres as this supports a range of curriculum areas for each year group. Horton Kirby is a wonderful centre which has a very clear, planned programme for each of our year groups to ensure that the children have a different learning experience each time they visit.

Maternity Leave

Mrs Reynolds will be leaving us tomorrow to begin her maternity leave but I am really happy to say that she will be returning next academic year. We hope she will have a very well earned rest before her baby arrives in October and of course we will let you know as soon as we have any news.

ParentPay/Dinner money

Parent pay has now been updated so if you have had problems these should have been resolved. If you are still having problems or are unsure of your login details please contact the school office.

Meals for years 3 to 6 are £2.10 per day/£9.50 per week. Please note that if your child is now in year 3 they do not qualify for 'Universal Free School Meals' that they received in year 2, free meals are only for children who are eligible to the 'Free School Meal' allowance from Lewisham Council.

Many of you have been waiting for the new kitchen to be up and running and have opted to send in home packed lunches. With effect from Monday 25th September the kitchen will be back to normal. Please confirm by email : admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk as soon as possible if you would like your child to change back to a school hot meal, giving your child's name and class.

Thank you for your patience.

Parking

Please be aware that a lot of our families received parking fines yesterday and we have been informed that attendants will be on duty in the estates around Newstead road.



Attendance & Punctuality for this week

Total 24 late children throughout the school. Congratulations to Reception C & B and 2FM with no late children.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	98%	0	Year 2CL	97%	3	Year 4T	90%	3
Reception B	98%	0	Year 2FM	96%	0	Year4L	97%	4
Year 1 A	97%	3	Year 3U	97%	1	Year 5K	99%	3
Year 1 D	98%	3	Year 3A	99%	2	Year 5/6F	97%	1
						Year 6M	95%	1

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan