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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have seen wonderful performances 1A, 1LC, 2A, 2M, 4T, 4CW, 5K and 5F. The children have been amazing and it has been great to see a full hall for every performance. Thank you for your tremendous support.

Last one on Tuesday 18th 6F & 6M at 2pm

On Tuesday, Year 6 went to see a performance of Philip Pullman's Grimm Tales at The Unicorn Theatre. Also on Tuesday, Year 3, Reception B and Reception BC went to see a production of Pinocchio at The Albany Theatre. The children really enjoyed these performances. All of the children also loved watching other classes in the school performing their Christmas Plays.

Published Performance Tables

Many of you will have seen the KS2 performance data for primary schools which was published yesterday. I feel that I should explain this a little as it is not showing the best picture of our school.

When our SATs results came through in July, we were absolutely delighted as they were our best ever results and are among the very best in the borough for attainment at expected and higher level (Maths 91%, Reading 93%, Writing 98%, SPAG 93% and 85% across all areas).

Four years ago we had been delighted as the same percentages of these pupils had achieved expected or higher levels in their KS1 SATS tests.

In previous years national league tables have shown percentages of pupils in each school reaching or exceeding expectations. Our school has always been high up on these tables and would have been really high this year.

However this year the DfE decided to publish a very different data table which only focuses on progress from the end KS1 (Year 2) to the end of KS2 (Year 6).

Notes for your diary

Christmas Jumpers for Jimmy day 20th Dec
Non uniform day and Christmas parties 21st Dec

Break up Friday 21st December at 3pm

Children return to school 7th Jan – NO INSET day

As our pupils had achieved so well when they were in Year 2 and then were challenged throughout the next four years to also achieve really well, this is seen as expected (average) progress. If our pupils had not achieved well when they were in Year 2 they would have had room to show greater progress in achieving their Year 6 SATS.

So in a nutshell: Our SATS results were superb this year but because our pupils had made consistently great progress right from nursery, our school cannot show the sudden leap in progress between Year 2 and Year 6 which would have put us high on the national league tables. I would be happy to discuss this with anyone who is now even more confused.

I would also like to say that while academic achievement is a huge priority; well-rounded, confident, kind, resilient and happy pupils will always be our vision

Parents on School trips

I have been asked about how parents/carers are chosen to accompany classes on educational visits. This very much depends on the visit, as we are often very limited on adult places. On some visits we can take all those who volunteer and on others we are desperate to find adults as we don't have enough. Some visits are particularly popular and we then put the names of all those who have volunteered in a box and pull out as many as we can accommodate. We always try to be as fair as possible.

We always ask parents to read and sign our code of conduct for accompanying visits as this is crucial to ensuring the safety of the children and achieving the best learning outcomes. If staff have to ask volunteers to stop using phones or to stop giving sweets/treats to pupils or to comply with other aspects of our code, then they would be unlikely to want to ask that volunteer to accompany the class on another visit.

Jumpers for Jimmy/Christmas dinner Thursday 20th December

This year once again we would like to support the 'For Jimmy' charity which is especially dear to our community. Jimmy was a pupil in our school and since his tragic death almost eleven years ago, his family have worked tirelessly to spread the message of forgiveness, peace and hope across the country.

We are asking the children to wear a Christmas jumper or festive wear on Christmas dinner day and **bring a £1 coin** to help this charity to continue to spread this really vital message. In the spring term 'For Jimmy' will work with two of our classes to develop 'Safe Havens' for children in our local community. This long term project will have a huge impact on our pupils.

Class Christmas Parties

On Friday 21st December, all our classes will be having (small) parties. We are asking you to send in a small food donation for your child's class. Class teachers will let you know which items they need. Thank you so much for supporting us in this.

School Meals

Next half term, 7th January until 15th February, the amount for school meals will be £66 or £2.20 per day/£11 per week. If you believe you have some credit from this half term please contact the office where we can clarify the amount for you.

Please remember that meals are required to be paid either weekly or in advance but not in arrears.

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

1st Communion Programme 2018/19 – Our Lady of Lourdes Lee

The next session will be after Christmas on Saturday 9th January for the children in the church and for the parents in the hall, both at 10:00am. Please do arrive before 10:00am so that the sessions can start and finish on time; teas and coffees will be available in the hall from 9:45am.

Chorus of Our Lady of Lourdes Lee

The Chorus would like to thank all those that turned up and supported their performances last Saturday in the church and also last night at the Crown. It was greatly appreciated. Details of monies raised will be in the parish newsletter shortly.

Please do keep an eye out in the new year for details of their next performance on Saturday 23rd March 2019. This will be the Chorus' 10th anniversary and they will be performing extracts from Handel's Messiah. Rehearsals will start in the new year and as ever the chorus would always encourage new people to join.

Message from the Friends

▶ *****PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR FRIENDS NEWS ON OUR NEW NOTICEBOARD IN THE PLAYGROUND***** ▶

🍷 CHRISTMAS DRINKS 🍷

GENTS - Saturday 8th December from 8pm - New Tigers Head - details on Dads What's App Group (please ask the Friends if you want to be added!)

LADIES - Saturday 15th December from 7pm - the Lord Northbrook
Please let the Friends or Andrea know if you are planning on coming

The Friends

Amii, Andrea, Bakiyath, Carina, Charlene, Giuseppe, Jo, Lara, Louise, Marta, Rachel, Omar and Visnja

Lewisham Music December Newsletter

Please follow this link for this Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/e90b8a0ac29c/lewisham-music-newsletter-dec2018?e=cd1b53fba5>

Lewisham Music Bands & Orchestra

Please follow these links for flyers regarding:

Brass & Concert Bands: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Brass-Band-Concert-Band-leaflet.pdf>

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

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	90%	4	Year 3F	99%	2
Reception BC	97%	3	Year 4T	98%	5
Year 1A	96%	4	Year 4CW	98%	3
Year 1LC	91%	9	Year 5K	95%	7
Year 2A	97%	7	Year 5F	98%	1
Year 2M	98%	2	Year 6F	97%	3
Year 3W	96%	3	Year 6M	97%	7

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan

