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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is really beginning to feel like Christmas in school. All our classes have been busy creating beautiful Christmas displays in their classrooms and we have a gorgeous Christmas tree in the hall.



Farewell !

Our fantastic Premises Officer Alex will be retiring at the end of this term after more than 28 years of devoted service to our school. He will be greatly missed but we wish him a wonderful retirement. I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Chris John as our new Premises Officer and Jason Simeonidis as our new Premises Assistant. They have both been trained by Alex and so we know that the school will be in very safe hands.

We will also be saying goodbye to Ms Gillian Andrews next week because she is moving to Hever. She will be a great loss to our school and particularly to the Early Years team, but we wish her every happiness in her new home.

Ms Foster will be starting her maternity leave at the end of term and we wish her a wonderful time with her baby son when he arrives. We will all miss her but are very pleased that she will return to us next year.

Last Day of term Friday 18th December

Many of you will have heard reports in the media regarding schools closing a day earlier to allow head teachers to stop checking for notification of positive Covid cases on 23rd December rather than 24th December. This would have caused huge disruption for our families so we will not be changing our arrangements. **The children will break up for Christmas on Friday, at the normal end of school time and return to school on Tuesday 5th January.**



Sponsored event for Air Quality Monitors

Thank you so much for your amazing generosity, we are more than half way to achieving our £2,500 goal! All our classes have now completed their event and we are happy to receive sponsorship monies should you wish to send it in.

Huge Congratulations!

Raffaella in Year 3 created an amazing NHS rainbow during lockdown and it was chosen from thousands of entries to be displayed at the Victoria and Albert Museum. This is now on show as part of the 'All Will Be Well!' exhibition. Raffaella was invited to spend an afternoon there this week and had a wonderful time. We are all very proud of her.

Christmas Dinner and Parties

We will be splitting Christmas dinner over two days to ensure there is plenty of time to get all the children through in a Covid safe manner. If your child usually has a packed lunch, you will need to inform the school office if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on this day. We have attached the menu so that you can decide. All pupils in Reception, year 1 and 2, and those who normally have Free School Meals will be entitled to a free Christmas Dinner.

We are asking you to provide a packed lunch for your child on the day the other classes are having their Christmas dinner. We will also be holding the class Christmas parties over the same two days. We will be asking you for a very small food donation if possible for your child's class. Your child's class teacher will let you know what is required. Packed lunch and parties will be on the same day for your child.

Wednesday 16th December		
Christmas Dinner Years 2, 3, 5, 6	Home provided packed lunch FT Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4	Christmas class party Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4
Thursday 17th December		
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Children can dress in festive wear/ Christmas jumper etc.. (no uniform) for the final 3 days of term 16th, 17th and 18th December.

Class teachers would like to take a festive class group photo of the children to send home to you but we would need your written permission. Please see the attached form and let us know if you are happy for this to include your child.

The children will be involved in lots of festive learning and creative Christmas work and your child's class teacher will be posting lots of pictures of their class rooms on 'Google Classroom'.

School meal menu for week beginning 30th November (Week 1)

Please see the attached Parish News Special Edition.

Applying to start primary school in September 2021

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2021 can now be made on line. See attached PDF flyer.

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

We are not able to invite parents to look around the school before making an application but we have created two virtual tours which you may like to look at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F09m_U-vyD4&feature=youtu.be and <https://youtu.be/JBLu9PjgDg>

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/>

Music tuition

We have vacancies for Brass, Flute and Violin lessons during school hours for Years 2 upwards. Please email Sally if you would like them to be put on the waiting list: sally@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk

Our Lady of Lourdes parish news

Just another reminder to everyone that, if you haven't already done so, you can sign up to the OLL parish newsletter by emailing lee@rcaos.org.uk. We have attached this week's letter, the Children's Liturgy and the Christmas Mass services update.

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan

