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## **Newsletter No 4**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have so little news to share these days but it is important to say that all is well in school and the children are settled well into their new routines.

I am sure that you are aware of the rise in infections in the wider community and in response we are continually looking at what we need to do to protect our school and local community. It is very difficult for parents and carers to keep to social distancing regulations when picking up and dropping off, so we are now asking you to wear a face covering if waiting outside the school entrances or when entering the premises (playground or office). This does not apply to children.

This will help everyone to feel safe and reduce risk of spreading infection. Staff will ensure they keep an appropriate social distance from parents and carers. Please do not be offended if we step back.

It's great to see so many children and adults cycling and scootering, as two wheels are certainly a quick way to get to and from school.

### **Cycle to School Week**

Next week will be **Sustrans' national Bike to School week**, a celebration and spotlight on all the benefits of taking to two wheels during the school run. As a healthy and eco school, we want to encourage as many children to scoot or cycle to school as often as they can through the week.

However, we urge you to ensure that your child understands how to cycle /scoot safely to school. Children are allowed to cycle or scoot on the pavement but must be aware of others who are using the pavement. Young children must not cross over side roads or driveways ahead of their parents or carers. Please keep your children near you so you can ensure their safety on their journey to and from school.

To help get into started on Bike Week, on Monday we will launch a creative comic story competition in class to be completed at home. Children can record the route they take from home to school, drawing some of the things they see on the way – the good and the bad. The entries will be judged against creativity and effort. A prize will be awarded to each key stage; Early Years, KS1, and KS2.

Closing date will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, will be '**Bling your Bike (and scooter) to school day**'. Time to show off your bike and all the different home-made ways you have boosted your bike. We will be taking photos in the morning to catch all the two-wheel wonders. The best bling will receive a prize.

### **Harvest Festival**

This year our Harvest Festival celebrations will have to be very different. Sadly, I am afraid we will not be able to invite you to join us. We will be able to collect our food donations in the main hall and each of our year group bubbles will be able to take turns to have a short prayer service. These will take place over three days in the week before half term. The area will be fully sanitised between each bubble's service.

We are asking each family to donate just one item if they can and this will support one of our special causes. Please do not feel under any pressure.

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. They have asked us for lots rice to support their families.

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 or toiletry item (listed below) which is of most benefit to these great causes.

Donations can be brought into school from next week and we will put them on display in the main hall. If you would like to make a donation, 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	Tinned Meat
3T	Tinned Fish
2M	Rice
2A	Rice
1UB and 1LO	Rice
Reception A and CO	Tinned Fruit
Nursery	Breakfast Cereals

### **Applying to start primary school 2020 -21**

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2021 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

### **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/>

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan