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## Newsletter No 9

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. It is very hard for our families to be in Lockdown again but I would like to reassure you that we will continue to provide as much normality as possible for the children throughout each day. I am so pleased that we are open for all pupils because it is really important for children to be in a school environment and with their friends. It is also really important that you are able to get on with your daily routines. We are doing everything possible to ensure that we keep all pupils and staff well so our school can remain fully open, but we need your continued support in this. We are particularly asking for your support in the following areas:

### Face coverings

- All adults (unless exempt) must wear a mask or visor at pick up time and in any area where pupils are being dropped off. Face coverings must be worn at all times on any part of school premises. Please ensure you remember to bring your face covering with you to school (unless exempt) as I am not allowed to let you on to the premises without this.
- All staff will now be wearing face coverings in all shared areas and in the playground at pick up and drop off times.

### Mobile phones

- Please remember that it has been our policy for a number of years to put mobile phones away when entering the school playground.

### Pick up at the end of the day

- Remember to arrive to pick up your child at the allocated time for their bubble.

**Pick up for Nursery, Years 1 and 2 will be at 2.40,**

**Reception A, Years 3 and 4 will be at 2.50,**

**Reception OU, Year 5 and 6 will be at 3.00**

- **If you have more than one child to collect, please come to school in time for your latest pick up.** Teachers will keep your other children with them until you arrive. This means you can pick up and leave straight away.
- As you know, we are now in a lockdown situation and we cannot allow pupils to run around the playground at the end of the day mixing with other bubbles. Please understand also - that groups of adults standing together to chat after they have picked their children up is not allowed and staff will have to ask them to move on.

**Please work with us so that we can keep our children, our staff and all of you safe and well and keep our school open for all. We are all looking forward to a time when we can socialize and celebrate together as a school community again.**

### PE Days

As the weather is now much colder, please ensure your child comes to school in outdoor PE kit – Black or navy jogging bottoms and sweat shirt, white tee shirt or polo shirt and black trainers. These should all be plain colours (no large logos/stripes etc). If you need any support in providing these please let us know and we will help in any way we can.

### Harvest Festival

I wanted to share with you, a lovely letter (see attached) which I received from Reverend Bridget Shepherd regarding your wonderfully generous donations at Harvest.

### Parking

Please remember that parking in the local estates is illegal unless you live there. It is making residents really angry with our school and with me. Please park with consideration for others or even better - use sustainable forms of transport.

### Be Bright Be Seen Week

As we move towards winter, the days are getting shorter while the nights longer. This means being more visible to drivers when crossing roads or cycling. To raise awareness of this, the Eco Group will be telling the children about how to be more visible in class assemblies. Next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> November) will be Dazzle Day, where children can wear their **own clothes to school** as long as they are bright and reflective. Prizes awarded for the brightest clothing.

### Road Safety Week

The following week, we will have further activities around keeping safe when crossing roads. On **Monday 16th November**, Dr Bike will be dropping by to fix any bikes brought in that day, so they are fully road ready. If you need a repair done or parts replaced, please bring in the parts you want fixing.

### School meal menu for week beginning 9th November (Week 2)

Please see the attached.

### Applying to start primary school 2020 -21

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 a virtual tour which you may like to look at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F09m\\_U-vyD4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F09m_U-vyD4&feature=youtu.be)

### **Parent/carer and Teacher meetings**

This term teachers will be offering a 10-minute telephone catch-up to all parents/carers of pupils in their class. They will discuss the progress your child has made this term, how they have settled and their key targets for development. These calls will take place between 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November and your child's teacher will be contacting you to arrange a mutually convenient time. Please ensure that you log into Google Classroom so you are fully aware of what is happening in your child's class. Hopefully we will be able to return to face to face meetings next term.

### **Dinner money**

Please make sure you are up to date with paying for school meals. Reminder emails have been sent out so please check in your 'spam' folder. If you need to check the amount to pay, please email [admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) If you are in difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact me [headteacher@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) The amount for dinners for this term, from 3/11 until 18/12, is £78.20. Meals are required to be paid for either weekly or in advance but not in arrears.

### **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 relaxing weekend.

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