

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to the people we know and those who are new to the school.

On the school website curriculum page you will be able to see what your child's class will be working on this term.

Nursery	Getting to know you
Reception	What a difference.
Year 1	Once Upon a Time
Year 2	A Dip in the Ocean
Year 3	Digging Deep
Year 4	Saxons
Year 5	Monsters
Year 6	London

INFORMATION

Secondary Transfer - Year 6

The test will take place in school on Thursday 22nd September. (Verbal and non-verbal reasoning).

Details to apply online www.eadmissions.org.uk. are in the booklet. Please ensure you apply on line by **Friday 31st October.**

All of the year 6 children will be having daily practise sessions in school from Thursday 15th September

If you would like help completing the form on line; please arrange a time with Mrs Wilson, Mrs Heywood or Mr Dutton. **We will be available during the week of 5th - 12th October.**

Meet the teacher 9th November

The main session will be run from 1.30 - 5.30pm. Parents with children who have extra support will be invited to meet with the class and other support teachers during the week beginning 7th November. If you are unable to make these times please arrange a time with the class teacher.

In order to simply making appointments to meet your child's teacher we are using the Teachers2 parents online booking system. We will send out details on how to use this via a text to your mobile

Uniform

If you require uniform please collect a form from the office, complete it and return it to the office with the correct amount of money. You will be telephoned when your order is ready for collection and given a receipt. Thank you.

Thank You Parents and Carers

We all want to say a very big Thank you for the very generous gifts given to us at the end of the summer term. We are always very humbled by your generosity and positive comments; they were much appreciated.

If you would like to continue to have a paper copy of this newsletter please let your class teacher know.

www.furzedown.wandsworth.lgfl.net

And click onto parent info tab.

Contact Details

Please ensure the school office has your current mobile, **email address** and emergency contact numbers.

Please send any new details to Mrs Morgan.

School Office reception.

This will be open from 8am - 12.30pm and 3 - 3.30pm only for the foreseeable future.

If you need to contact the office outside of these hours please contact by phone

Buying online could help the school.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzedownprimaryschoolpta/?t=PTA-UK-li&u=1D906J>

Awards.

We are delighted to have been awarded the Gold Geography Mark by the Geography Association which looks at excellent practise. Thank you to Mrs Sanchez and Mr Naghten for collating and submitting the evidence for this award.

We are currently working on renewing our Anti-Bullying award and our ICT mark and working towards the History Quality Mark.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Ms Naomi Smith to year 2 and Ms Siobhan Campbell to year 4. And look forward to learning from them too.

Free Parent Gym taster session

4th October 8.30 -9.30am

These are very popular sessions run in small hall over as series of 6 weeks. Do come along and have a taste of what it involves. Places limited to 12.

Dates for your diary

Please do mark these down in your diary. These are the agreed dates so far.

September

15th 5B Victorian workshop - King's Place
Open Day new parents 9.15am

16th 5S Victorian workshop - King's Place
29th 6W Curriculum Mayor's Festival
30th Open Day new parents 9.15am

October

4th Parent Gym taster session
6th 6D Royal Academy
5th Scooter training - years 1 & 2
12th Teddy Bear clinic - reception classes
13th Year 5 - Junior Citizens
17th Open Day new parents 9.15am
18th Year 4 British Museum
19th Teddy Bear clinic - year
19th Harvest assembly 8:40am
20th Year 3 show 2pm and 6pm
21st Break up for half term at 3:00

November

4th Open Day new parents 9.15am
9th Meet the parents
23rd Open Day new parents 9.15am
28th Flu immunisation - years 1, 2 & 3
30th Open Day new parents 9.15am

December

14th Year 5 show
19th Christmas celebrations
20th Carol Concert 2pm tbc
21st Break up for Christmas 1pm

Assemblies and Productions

19 th October 8.40am	Harvest assembly	Yr 1,2, 4.
20 th October 2pm & 6pm	Krindlekrax Show	Year 3
14 th December 2pm & 6pm	Monsters	Year 5
20 th December 2pm	Carol Concert	All

We have children with nut allergies please help us to keep them safe by not sending peanut butter sandwiches into school.

Lunch Money

£2.00 per day: £10.00 per week.

The cost for the half term is £66.00
All lunch monies are to be paid in advance and all debts should be paid before the end of each half term.

School dinners

These need to be taken for a half term. Please do not change within this time because it's hard to keep track of the monies.

FSM

If you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals please do pop into the office and Mrs Rix will help you with the relevant forms. This is of benefit to the school and the children.

Contacting the school

You can contact us through sending a text to 07797801419 if the phone line is busy.

Online Lunch Payment.

From 7th September 2016 payments for lunch money must be paid online. To pay using the teachers2parents system you will need a password. Mrs Rix in the office will send this to you and once you have logged in follow the links. The amount for each $\frac{1}{2}$ term will be on display in the office reception area.

This system will enable you to pay in advance or weekly. If a child is absent, those days will be carried forward. You can also pay your arrears by clicking the appropriate button. Please ensure all arrears are paid each $\frac{1}{2}$ term. If you have outstanding arrears at the end of a full term the Head teacher will request to speak to you to discuss how the arrears can be cleared.

Reminders for payment will automatically be sent to you via the online system.

Cheques and cash will still be accepted until we are sure all parents are accessing the online system. Please note that children in Reception, year 1 & 2 do not have to pay for lunches.

Mrs Rix (Admin Officer)

Attendance

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please send them into school before or after the appointment and do not keep them at home for the whole day, this may result in an unauthorised absence mark.

If your child is ill please phone 02086723480 on the first day of illness in the morning.

Return absence forms or respond to texts by the next day or your child's absence may have to be unauthorised.

The government has stringent absence thresholds which means that in any academic year if your child has 4 days off they are treated as persistent absentees in the 1st half term.

All medication must come to the school office.