

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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NO SCOOTING OR BIKING
IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS PLEASE

INFORMATION

Police Incident

An incident was reported to us concerning a man approaching a nurse parent at 11.30am by the back gates. We informed the police and under cover CID officers are now patrolling the area. Please make sure you let the school know **immediately** if there are any further incidents of concern. The police feel that this may be a mentally ill patient, so please be vigilant.

Parking near school

Traffic enforcement have agreed to patrol the area around the school at random times to prevent illegal stopping or parking outside/near the school gates. They will issue fines for any breach of these regulations.

New Gates for Welham Road entrance

The new gates will hopefully be here for the beginning of the new term. They will need to be locked during lunch time, but we are exploring the possibility of getting a buzzer system. Thank you to the PTA for funding these.

Cyber-bullying - 'ThinkUKnow'

A well-attended workshop was run for parents by Ms Pouvreau. Thank you for your positive feedback.

The 'ThinkUKnow' website has resources for parents about cyber bullying and safety on the internet.

Early Years Green surface - Be Careful

Please be careful when it's icy or frosty as this surface becomes slippery. We cannot use salt on it as it eats into the material. Thanks to the parents for bringing this to our attention.

Maths workshops for parents.

These will take place next term:

1 st February	Year 6	8.40 - 9.15am
2 nd February	Year 5	8.40 - 9.15am
3 rd February	Reception	8.40 - 9.15am
4 th February	Year 3	8.40 - 9.15am
9 th February	Year 2	8.40 - 9.15am
10 th February	Year 1	8.40 - 9.15am
11 th February	Year 4	8.40 - 9.15 am

Buying online could help the school.

Collect FREE donations for the school with all of your online shopping. Join at: easyfundraising.org.uk
See posters around the school for details.

Friday 18th December

Wear a Christmas Jumper

To raise money for Save the Children, Macmillan Cancer and Make a wish, please wear a Christmas or jazzy jumper and donate £1 to support these charities.

PTA NEWS

We welcome our 2 new chairs for the PTA - Tara McCormack and Nicki Malik, also Natalie Milton who is our new secretary.

Upcoming Events

The Snow Ball

28th November 7.30pm start

Tickets cost £15 per person (includes supper and a welcome drink).

Please send reply slips and payment to the office. Please make cheques payable to Furzedown PTA.

Christmas Fair

11th December 2.30pm - 4.00pm

This will be run mainly by the staff and children. The PTA will have a stall so any volunteers to help run this are welcome. Please bring donations of bric a brac, cakes, toys, books, unwanted gifts to the cookery unit by Thursday the 10th. Reception classes - Adopt a Bear at the Christmas Fair.

Please donate good quality teddy bears and cuddly toys.

Other class stalls/events to be advertised soon.

Dates for your diary

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

November

30th Flu immunisation session years 1 & 2
30th Cricket trials at the Oval (Y 5 & 6)
30th Year 4 singing Project Performance
10-11am Parents invited

December

1st Petrie Museum 4C
2nd Petrie Museum 4S
2nd Tower of London 1C
2nd Teddy Bear clinic RM
3rd Tower of London 1S
4th Diving testing KS2
7th Mayors' carol concert @ Burntwood
7pm
8th Nursery Nativity 10am and 1.30pm
8th Parents to look at children's work
2pm
8th Y5 and 6 swimming gala
9th School Christmas lunch
9th Eye test for Reception classes
10th Vocal project concert @ Croydon
(25 Year 4 children)
11th Christmas Fair 2.30 - 4pm
16th Year 5 show 2pm and 6pm
17th Carol Service
18th Break up for Christmas 1.30pm
20th FOTC Winter Solstice Celebration
2.30pm

Christmas Parties

Please send in £2 to help with food costs for Christmas parties. The children will not need a packed lunch on that day.

10th December - Year 5
11th December - Reception classes
14th December - Year 1
15th December - Year 2 + Nursery 9.30am
& 1.00pm
16th December - Year 4
17th December - Year 3
14th December Year 6 out of school
Christmas treat.

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

Lunch Money

£2.00 per day: £10.00 per week.

The cost for the half term is £70.00

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.

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.

Catering Award

Edwards and Wards our catering contractor, has been awarded this accolade by the Soil Association of the Gold Food for Life Catering Mark.

Congratulations.

Assemblies and Productions

30 th November 10-11am	Year 4	Singing project
8 th December 10am and 1.30pm	Nursery	Nativity
16 th December 2pm and 6pm	Year 5	Show
17 th December 2pm Mitcham Lane Baptist Church	All	Carol Service