

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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NO SCOOTING OR BIKING
IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS PLEASE

Come and join us.

Maths workshops for parents

We hope that you will support us by attending these short sessions which will introduce you to the new curriculum in your child's year group. They will be held in classrooms.

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 - 9.15am

Cycling workshops for parents

28th January 8:30-9:15am

These will explore and promote ways to cycle with your children safely.

There will be refreshments available.

The smoothie bike will be there for you to enjoy.

There will be a number of activities to take part in and experts will be on hand for advice and information.

Magda from Sustrans

Jane for WBC (Transport)

Megan (parent)

Cyclist from Skyride

Please confirm if you will be attending (so our catering is accurate) by contacting our reception.

Meet the teacher 16th March

Please come along and talk to your child's teacher about their progress.

If you have any concerns that you need to raise before this please do make an appointment with your class teacher.

Please do not stop **any of the staff** dealing with the class in the mornings by monopolising their time. The **teachers** are more than happy to meet you at a mutually convenient time.

Parents of children with SEN will be invited for a structured conversation during the fortnight beginning Monday 7th March.

Debt

Please try to pay dinner money in advance.

We will advise you if your dinner debt is approaching £50 and if it does reach that amount please pay it immediately. Your child will have to return to packed lunches if this is not cleared.

We will be sending reminder letters out.

Please pay your debts. If they accumulate it stops us buying resources for the children.

Computerised payments

As web based pay systems are becoming more manageable and are easier for a many parents we are hoping to move away from cash and cheques coming into school. We hope that you will move to this payment method; you will need to contact the office for a password and check that the email address we have for you is correct.

Swimming

Thank you for those who have sent in their swimming contributions. If you have not yet done so we look forward to receiving it before half-term.

PTA Meeting Clash with Cycling

Change of date

NOT 28th January

Changed to **Monday 8th Feb 8:40**

Furzedown Rec

Furzedown Project welcomes park visitors and the local community to join discussions about things to do in the park. To find out more see the posters around school or drop into Furzedown Project Sun 20th Mar 2 -5pm.

Government Prevent Program

Keeping children safe in school

We will be covering aspects of this in our PSCH lessons.

1st Language

If you are lucky enough to speak a different language at home please do continue to talk to your children in your home language. We will teach English in school.

Dates for your diary

Please do mark these down in your diary.

These are the agreed dates so far.

February

- 2nd 5D to Thames Water Treatment plant
- 3rd 5B to Thames Water Treatment plant
- 5th Year 2 Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment workshops.
- 9th Year 6 Jazz workshop
- 10th Year 5/6 Netball Tournament.
- 11th PTA Valentine cake sale 3pm
- 12th **BREAKUP FOR HALF TERM**
- 22nd **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- 23rd Level 2 Cycle training for year 6 starts
- 23rd Year 2 OAE concert @ Union Chapel
- 24th Year 6 & reception height & weight

March

- 1st Year 3 and 4 Sportshall competition
- 2nd Year 3 coach to Rushall Farm
- 2nd Year 4 show 2pm and 6pm
- 3rd World Book Day
- 3rd RM and RJ Polka Theatre
- 7th Kayaking for 5D
- 8th Kayaking for 5B
- 10th Fanfest @ Crystal Palace
- 15th Para football@ Wandle Rec
- 15th Level 1 Cycling year 5 starts
- 15th Level 2 Cycling year 6 starts
- 15th Year 4 ice-skating
- 16th Meet the teacher
- 16th RJ to Toby Carvery
- 17th School Journey meeting 1.30 & 4pm
- 18th National Skipping day
- 22nd Level 1 Cycling year 5 starts
- 22nd 3W Fulham Palace
- 22nd Year 4 ice skating
- 23rd Year 1 show 11:00 am and 2:00pm
- 23rd 3c Fulham Palace
- 23rd RM to Toby Carvery
- 24th **BREAK UP FOR EASTER AT 1:00pm**

Parent Gym Sessions

Please do find out about these sessions.
We have excellent feedback from attendees.
Promotion 8:00 and 2:30pm on 13th January
Taster sessions 8:30 on 19th January

Session 2	2nd Feb
Session 3	9 th Feb
Session 4	23 rd Feb
Session 5	1 st March
Session 6	8 th March

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 £58:00

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.

Buying online could help the school

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

Assemblies and Productions

March 2 nd 2pm and 6pm	Year 4	Show
March 23 rd 11:00am and 2:00pm	Year 1	Show