

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS PLEASE

Happy New Year and Thank you!

Huge thanks to you all from the staff for the very generous and lovely presents that we all received. We are very grateful to you and appreciate the kind thoughts and gesture.

New Gates for Welham Road entrance

Hope you are all enjoying our new gates. There are a few finishing touches to be made and then they will be complete.

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 - 9.15 am

Additional parent guidelines for trips

Having spoken to a group of parents, we have put together a more comprehensive pack for parents/helper's accompanying trips. We have reviewed our current procedures and policies. If you are an accompanying adult please make sure that you are given a parent pack.

We are continuing to avoid using the tubes to travel into London for the time being.

Communication consultation

We value your views and would very much like to make the communication between school and home as efficient as it can be. We will be sending out consultation questions, please do take the time to help us to improve all lines of communication.

Health and Safety Inspection

The school had the annual health and safety inspection during the last week of the Autumn term and the report highlighted that the procedures in place were good.

Buying online could help the school

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

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.

Athletics

Following some discussion with parents re using Tooting Bec track, we have been able to organise sessions with a professional athletics coach at the track for years 1-6.

Funding has been raised by the track to provide this for our school.

Dates and information letters have been sent out to the relevant year groups for this term's sessions and more will be sent out for next term.

PTA - Thank you to all who helped with and organised events last term.

If you would like to organise an event please contact Nicki Malik or Tara McCormack (PTA chairs) or Mrs Wilson or Ms Heywood.

Next meeting Thursday 28th Jan 8:40am

Dates for your diary

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

January

- 12th Open Day for New Entrants
- 12th Year 3 Tennis taster sessions
- 12th Year 5/6 Sports hall Athletics
- 13th Parent Gym promotion in playground
- 15th London cricket finals Year 5/6
- 18th 5D+5B to Royal Observatory
- 19th School leaders visiting from the Netherlands
- 26th Year 5/6 Sports hall Athletics final
- 27th St Johns ambulance first aid sessions Years 5 and 6
- 28th CYCLING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS 8.30 - 9.15 am

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.
- 10th Year 5/6 Netball Tournament.
- 12th **BREAKUP FOR HALF TERM**
- 22nd **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- 23rd Level 2 Cycle training for year 6 starts

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
- 7th Kayaking for 5D
- 8th Kayaking for 5B
- 15th Level 1 Cycling year 5 starts
- 15th Level 2 Cycling year 6 starts
- 18th National Skipping day
- 22nd Level 1 Cycling year 5 starts
- 23rd Year 1 show 11:00 am and 2:00pm
- 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 1	26 th Jan
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.

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

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