

# FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS PLEASE

## **Parent View**

OFSTED have revised their parent questionnaire. Could you please take a moment to register and fill it in on-line.

## **Raising aspirations**

Please do contact us if you feel you could inspire children by sharing your learning journey with them.

## **Computerised payments**

We hope that you are considering a move to our computerised payment method as we phase out collecting cash and cheques; you will need to contact the office for a password and check that the email address we have for you is correct.

## **Assemblies**

We have whole school assemblies once a week to share successes and information. Some involve performances and celebrate festivals etc. If an assembly is advertised in the school newsletter (see the table on the back of this newsletter), parents are welcome to come.

## **Swimming**

We are continuing to use the pool for our swimming lessons and are pleased to see so many of you interested in what we are teaching. Please do be aware that the younger children in particular are distracted by visitors in the gallery. Please do continue to take an interest but if you could refrain from coming every week it would help the group's concentration. Please do not enter the changing rooms at any time.

## **School Disco**

Many thanks to Clare Harkey and other PTA helpers for organising and running the school disco.

We have had very good feedback.

## **Do you have the skills we need?**

We could do with some help in the school with maintenance, in particular with painting.

If you think you could offer us a little time and you feel that you have skills we could use we would be very grateful if you could contact us via the office

## **Unwanted children's books**

If your children have finished with the books they have we would be more than happy to give them a good home. Just drop them off to the Reception.

## **Gardening Sunday**

8<sup>th</sup> May 10-12 in the school. Please do come with picnic and children

## **Sports Relief - 18<sup>th</sup> March**

All of the children were fantastic and children from year 1-6 ran around the school to cover at least 1 mile. The younger children took part in the danceathon.

Thank you if you have agreed to sponsor them and could we encourage you to get them to bring in the money before the end of term.

## **Dates for your diary**

Please do mark these down in your diary.

### **March**

- 18<sup>th</sup> National Skipping day+ Sports Relief
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Level 1 Cycling year 5 starts
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent Gym booster session 9-10.30am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 3W Fulham Palace
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 6H Quaker Meeting House
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 4 ice skating
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 1 show 11:00 am and 2:00pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 3C Fulham Palace
- 23<sup>rd</sup> RM to Toby Carvery
- 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Assembly 11.30am
- 24<sup>th</sup> **BREAK UP FOR EASTER AT 1:00pm**

### **April**

- 11<sup>th</sup> INSED day for teachers
- 12<sup>th</sup> children return
- 15<sup>th</sup> Surrey High 5 Netball competition
- 20<sup>th</sup> 3C Western Riverside Waste
- 21<sup>st</sup> 3W Western Riverside Waste
- 26<sup>th</sup> Year 6 White Spider rock climbing
- 29<sup>th</sup> Archery taster day

### **May**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Gardening Sunday
- 9<sup>th</sup> SAT's week - Year 6
- 20<sup>th</sup> Big Dance Pledge Competition
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Hip Hop workshops yr 6
- 25<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian training yr 2

### **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 phoning you if your debt exceeds £50 and may have to get Wandsworth Debt collectors involved.

**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 £68:00

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 1<sup>st</sup> half term.

**All medication must come to the school office.**

### **Assemblies and Productions**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 1 at 11:00 and 2:00 **Show**

March 24<sup>th</sup> Yrs 4/5 11:30 **Easter Assembly**

## **SPORTS**

The children have had a wonderful sport filled term. We are particularly pleased with the very positive response we have had from children and parents about running athletics classes down at the track. We are grateful to the Herne Hill Harriers for funding these sessions for us and also for them agreeing to continue the funding next term so that the years 5 and 6 children are able to have athletic sessions at the track with a coach to help us.