

# FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS PLEASE

## **INFORMATION**

### **Curriculum Input for Parents - Geography**

**18<sup>th</sup> November 8.30am in the hall.**

Please note this is in the morning!

This will focus on how we teach Geography and the work towards the Gold Geography Mark.

### **Cyber-bullying workshop for parents -**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 8.45 am**

This will be held in the ICT suite and will explore what cyber bullying is, give advice to support you at home and to explain how we deal with this in school. CEOP materials will be used. If you are interested in attending please send a text to secure a place because places are limited.

### **Secondary transfer test 26<sup>th</sup> November**

This will take place for year 6 in school. Please make sure your child is in that day and on time.

### **Race for Life 27<sup>th</sup> November**

The children will run circuits around the school during the school day to raise money for our link school in Uganda. £1 donation if they would like to take part.

### **Skipping ropes 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

These will be sold after school in the main hall.

### **Swimming trunks**

Children need to wear tight fitting (Lycra preferably) swimming trunks and **not** baggy shorts in order to make the children as stream lined as possible in the water.

### **Maths workshops for parents.**

Please look out for dates for your child's year group.

### **Back Gates.**

We have ordered double gates to replace the single black door to ease congestion. 4 weeks to installation.

## **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.

**10<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5**

**11<sup>th</sup> December - Reception classes**

**14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1**

**15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 + Nursery 9.30am & 1.00pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4**

**17<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3**

**14<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 out of school Christmas treat.**

## **SAD NEWS**

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of our previous admin officer Mrs Janice Simpson. The funeral will be held at Mary Magdalen's Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12.45pm.

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

**16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be focussing on strategies in our PSICHE lessons and in particular cyber - bullying. Any questions please talk to Ms Castillejo our Anti-bullying Lead.

## **Road Safety Week**

**23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November**

**25<sup>th</sup> Safe cycling presentation for the children**

**26<sup>th</sup> Safety Cycling Talks for parents 8:45am**

**27<sup>th</sup> Police officer visiting classes running workshops on keeping safe on the roads**

## **PTA + Parent Rep meeting.**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 8.40am in the small hall.**

All parents are members of the PTA. We are still looking for a secretary and someone to help with the finances. There are lots of experienced members who are happy to support you if you would like to take on or share a role.

Please let Mrs Wilson or Mrs Heywood know if you are interested of further details of what these roles involve. Thank you

## **Upcoming Events**

### **The Snow Ball**

**28<sup>th</sup> 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**

**11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Dates for your diary**

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

### **November**

12<sup>th</sup> Anti-graffiti theatre show years 4 & 5  
13<sup>th</sup> Bag - 2 - school  
17<sup>th</sup> 2L to the National Gallery  
18<sup>th</sup> Geography for parents 8:40  
18<sup>th</sup> year 3 show 2pm and 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Year 4 British Museum  
19<sup>th</sup> Rowing competition at Linden Lodge  
20<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting 8.40am  
23<sup>rd</sup> Road Safety Week  
23<sup>rd</sup> Skipping workshop (Y6)  
26<sup>th</sup> Open Day new parents 9 - 10am  
26<sup>th</sup> Secondary Transfer test  
30<sup>th</sup> Flu immunisation session years 1 & 2  
30<sup>th</sup> Cricket trials at the Oval (Y 5 & 6)  
30<sup>th</sup> Year 4 singing Project Performance 10-11am

### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> Petrie Museum 4C  
2<sup>nd</sup> Petrie Museum 4S  
2<sup>nd</sup> Teddy Bear clinic RM  
7<sup>th</sup> Mayors' carol concert @ Burntwood 7pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Nursery Nativity 10am and 1.30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Parents to look at children's work 2pm  
9<sup>th</sup> School Christmas lunch  
10<sup>th</sup> Vocal project concert @ Croydon (25 Year  
4 children)  
11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair 2.30 - 4pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Year 5 show 2pm and 6pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Carol Service  
18<sup>th</sup> Break up for Christmas 1.30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> FOTC Winter Solstice Celebration 2.30pm

## **Cycling Survey**

Online Cycle Survey ó Main issues raised:  
Safety issues- member of Sustrans to talk to children.

Cycle training- Year 5/6 are offered level 1 & 2 training in school. WBC offer cycle training to all adults who live or work in Wandsworth ó contact 0208-871-6677.

Cycle routes- TFL/LCC, incorporating maps available to download on <http://lcc.org.uk> & <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling>

Please inform class teacher if you wish to attend a parent safety session on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9am with a member of Sustrans or prefer a training session with Mr Naghten using cycle routes sites.

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

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

## **Buying online could help the school.**

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

## **Assemblies and Productions**

18 <sup>th</sup> November 2pm and 6pm	Year 3	Show
30 <sup>th</sup> November 10-11am	Year 4	Singing project
8 <sup>th</sup> December 10am and 1.30pm	Nursery	Nativity
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm and 6pm	Year 5	Show
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm TBC	All	Carol Service