

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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INFORMATION

Harvest Assembly

21st October 8:40

We are donating the harvest goods to the Foodbank at St Pauls this year.

They have requested Tinned meats and fish (including halal if possible).

Baked beans, Soup, Tea, Coffee, Soap and Toothbrushes.

Please take all donations to the class teacher by 20th October. Many thanks

Secondary Transfer forms

Details to apply online www.eadmissions.org.uk are in the booklet. Please ensure you apply on line by **Friday 23rd October**. If you have filled in a paper copy please return to the school by **16th October**.

Meet the teacher 21st October

The main session will be run from 1.30 - 5.30pm. Parents with children who have extra support will be invited to meet with the class and other support teachers during the 2 weeks beginning 12th October. If you are unable to make these times please arrange a time with the class teacher.

Picking up at the end of the day.

The After School Club use the playground, trim trail from 3.15pm onwards so could parents/ carers please make sure you stop your children using the equipment so the club can start.

Pupil Voice

Children are given responsibilities throughout the school to sit on committees and make decisions that affect their experiences. They rise excellently to the challenge of putting their views across in a large group, listening to others, reporting back to their classes, reaching a consensus. The jobs they are voted in to include

The children help the teachers to:

Playground friends	make sure that children who are alone have activities and people to play with.
Eco- Warriors-	manage the environment and encourage the class to take care.
UNICEF ambassadors	Ensure that children's rights are on display and that they are understood by the children in the playground
Schools Council	Discuss issues and bring suggestions.
Bully Buddies (yr 6)	Help to resolve disputes.
Bike it Crew	Help to promote sustainable travel

NO SCOOTING OR BIKING

In the school grounds please.

Anti-Bullying Week

16th-20th November

We will be focussing on strategies in our PSCHE lessons and in particular cyber bullying.

19th November Cyber bullying workshop for parents 8:40

Road Safety Week

23rd-29th November

25th Safe cycling presentation for the children

26th Safety Cycling Talks for parents 8:45

27th Police officer visiting classes running workshops on keeping safe on the roads

Swimming Course Half term

Ernest Bevin 26th-30th Oct

For further info please email

swim_enrollment@aol.com

PTA AGM Friday 20th November 8.30am in the small hall.

All parents are members of the PTA.

Buying online could help the school.

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

New Awards.

We have been awarded the Gold Quality Mark for Science. Well done to Mr Dutton for co-ordinating this.

Dutch Visit

We had a delegation from Holland and the DFE including the Dutch Minister for Education who were looking at our ICT curriculum. We have been designated a Lead School in Computing. Congratulations to Ms Pouvreau and Mr Naghten who are our ICT specialists.

Curriculum Input for Parents

18th 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.

Dates for your diary

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

October

15th FOTC Bat survey evening
16th Year 4 Natural History Museum
19th Year 5 Junior Citizens
21st Meet the Parents 1.30 - 5.30pm
26th Half term
29th FOTC Pumpkin Parade (café)

November

1st FOTC AGM 2.30pm
3rd Year 6 Tower of London
4th Open Day - new parents 9 - 10am
11th Diwali Assembly
18th Geography for parents 8:40
19^h Year 4 British Museum
23rd Road Safety Week
26th Open Day new parents 9 - 10am
30th Flu immunisation session years 1 & 2

December

1st Petrie Museum 4C
2nd Petrie Museum 4S
8th Parents to look at children's work 2pm
16th Year 5 show
17th Carol Service
18th Break up for Christmas 1.30pm
20th 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 26th November at 9am with a member of Sustrans or prefer a training session with Mr Naghten using cycle routes sites.

SAD NEWS

Many thanks to all of those who supported yr 4 in raising money for Michelle. Very sadly she passed away during the summer. Her parents are passing on all of the funds they have to the local charity.

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 £74.00

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.

London Bari Soccer School

Football skill and development for girls and boys 6 - 12 year olds.

Sessions taken by a qualified FA coach.

Every Saturday 1.30 - 3pm on Tooting Common. £3.00 per session

Contact Jamie on: londonbari11@hotmail.com

Assemblies and Productions

21 st October 8.40am	Reception Years 1,3 and 5	Harvest
11 th November 8.40am	Year 2	Diwali
18 th November 2pm and 6pm	Year 3	Show
16 th December 2pm and 6pm	Year 5	Show
17 th December 2pm TBC	All	Carol Service