

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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INFORMATION

Christmas Entertainment

We have booked Christmas shows for a treat rather than parties for the children in years 1-5. Could you please send in a donation of £2 We will provide them with snacks. Children in year 6 are being taken out to a pantomime at Wimbledon theatre and will have a workshop with the actors before-hand.

Christmas Jumper day

Come in your Christmas jumper on Friday 16th and help us raise money for the NSPCC. £1

Christmas Fair

We were overwhelmed with your response to our Christmas fair and we are delighted to have raised £1200. This will go to helping the Children in Kabalega School understand how to protect the wild life in their environment and to preserve the resources around them.

This will enable the teachers to take at least 300 children on their only school trip to the national park 20 miles away. They will learn about their indigenous animals and why it's so important for them to protect the animals and how they could do that.

Dinner Money

From January we are expecting dinner money to be paid in advance. Children will have to bring packed lunches if dinners are not paid for. All payments should now be online. **Parents with outstanding debts need to settle these urgently please.**

Sports news

Recently the Y5/6 Cricket team has been successful in reaching the Maurice Fulcher Cricket final in January. The team pulled together to play really well against 4 other schools. Last year Furzedown won the whole competition; let's see if we can do it again!

We have also been triumphant in a recent Swimming gala, held at Balham Leisure Centre. All 8 children representing the school gained a medal in their events, placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall.

Upcoming events: Sportshall athletics & cricket.

Repairs

We have had a problem with our hot water cylinder and have had to order a new one. This work is being done on Monday 12th December. In the meantime we have hot water in the old building.

Tooting Market Oral History Project

The year 6 children have been able to work with Matthew Rosenberg (film maker) and Sally Booth (artist), to produce a film and artwork about the History of Tooting Markets. They have interviewed stall holders and explored the various cultural groups that make up Tooting's rich diversity. It was a wonderful project that was launched on 7th December. Through this we have made strong links with the Wandsworth archives and will continue projects with them. This also links into our focus on History this year.

Absence

If your child is absent please make sure you send in a written reason or phone the school office on a daily basis. Messages passed on to the class teacher verbally in the mornings can't always be recorded and this will mean that Mrs Morgan will have to contact you to confirm.

Maths workshops for parents.

We hope that you will support us by attending these short sessions which will outline our approach to teaching maths using the Singapore Maths scheme. They will be held in classrooms.

16 th January	Year 6	8.40 - 9.15am
17 th January	Year 5	8.40 - 9.15am
18 th January	Year 4	8.40 - 9.15am
19 th January	Year 3	8.40 - 9.15am
20 th January	Year 2	8.40 - 9.15am
24 th January	Year 1	8.40 - 9.15am

Dates for your diary

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

December

9th Yr 4 Cluster concert Tooting Primary school 1:45-2:45pm
13th Year 4 National History Museum
13th Year 5 show 2:00pm and 6:00pm
14th Open day
14th Christmas lunch
14th Choir to Mitcham Lane 4pm
15th Dick Whittington Yrs 1-5 in School
15th Nursery Nativity 10am and 1:30pm
19th Year 6 Dick Whittington panto
19th Reception Christmas party £2 donation
19th Year 6 Hip Hop dance workshop
20th Carol Concert 2pm Mitcham Lane Baptist Church.

All welcome.

20th Nursery Party 9:30am and 1:00pm
21st **Break up for Christmas 1pm**
For children walking home alone at 1 pm written permission is needed. Thanks.

January

4th Children back in school.
10th Violin concert 8:40 for year 4 parents.
11th Cycle training 6W
12th Cycle training 6W
13th Cycle training 6W
13th Cricket finals Yrs5/6
16th Maths workshop for Yr 6 parents.
17th Maths Workshop for Yr 5 parents
17th Anti-Bullying Quality Mark assessment.
17th Sportshall Athletics Yrs 5/6
18th Maths Workshop for Yr 4 parents
18th Cycle training 6W
19th Maths Workshop for Yr 3 parents
19th Cycle Training 6W
20th Maths Workshop for Yr 2 parents

February

4th PTA quiz night in school
7th Parent Gym taster session 45 minutes.
7th Cycle training 5S
8th Year 1 show 11:00am
8th Year 1 show 2:00 pm

Website

We have revamped our website. This can now be found at: www.furzedownschool.co.uk

Please do let us know what you think.

Results of Parent Surveys

Many thanks to those of you who filled in the online surveys.

We had 140 responses

<i>Please tick in relevant box.</i>	Agree
My child is happy at school.	98%
My child feels safe at school.	100%
My child makes good progress at this school.	95%
My child is well looked after in this school.	99%
My child is taught well in this school.	98%
My child receives appropriate and regular homework.	93%
The children at this school are well behaved.	99%
The school is well led and managed.	94%
The school responds well to concerns that I raise.	93%
I receive valuable information about my child's progress and targets at parent's evenings.	96%

Performances

9 th December	Concert Tooting Primary School	Yr 4
13 th December	Monsters 2:00 and 6:00	Yr 5
14 th December	Choir Mitcham Lane 4pm	Yrs 4/5/6
15 th December	Nursery Nativities 10am and 1:30pm	Nursery
20 th December	Carol Concert at MLBC Mitcham lane 2.00pm	All

Contact Details

Please ensure the school office has your current mobile number, **email address** and emergency contact numbers.

Please send any new details to Mrs Morgan

[Buying online helps the school.](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzedownprimaryschoolpta/?t=PTA-UK-li&u=1D906J)

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