

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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PTA

The PTA at Furzedown are an amazing force and contribute so much to make children's experiences as positive as possible, through the funding of equipment and activities.

Playground equipment

Exercise bikes and rowers at the end of the old playground were bought by the PTA. The children spend every playtime enjoying this equipment.

ICT equipment

The PTA has invested a lot of money in new ipads and computers for the classes last year and again this year for which we are very grateful.

We rely heavily on the support of our parents and carers through the PTA and other means. Over the years the PTA funds and energy have made a huge difference to what we are able to offer our children. We need your support.

We have had a very capable and supportive team who would like to hand over to a new team next year as their 3 year terms will have come to an end.

Treasurer

We want to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank Joyce Rosemond who is a dynamic and highly organised parent who always gets things done.

Vice Chairs

Tara McCormack and Nikki Malik who have been a brilliant team and chased dates, organised meetings, sorted out sponsorship, local community involvement etc. Thank you so much to you both.

Secretary

Natalie Milton has taken on this job with enthusiasm and vigour. She will be a difficult act to follow.

If you would like to take on any of these positions please contact Mrs Wilson or Ms Heywood.

Reception class relocation

We are working on moving RJ to the rooms where the staffroom is currently located so that the children will have a more direct access onto the playground and be able to have their own outside area for sand/ water play and other activities. We are hoping to move them into their new class room by January.

9th November Reception Parent workshop 8.40am in RJ

Supporting your children's reading. Please let your class rep know if you are attending. **(Repeated at 2.30 pm)**

English as an additional language classes

Free to all parents and carers
These are held every Tuesday from 2-3pm in the EAL room at the end of the new corridor. Please book in at the reception.

Harvest

Thank you all for your contributions. Our tables were heaving. I know the food bank will be very grateful for all of the goods.

Gardening Sunday

Thank you all for your time and energy. You all certainly made a big difference to the environment and gave the gardens a good prune and tidy up.

6th Mitcham Brownies

This Brownie pack has spaces for 7-10 year olds and adult volunteers. If you are interested please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or contact Brownies6thMitcham@yahoo.com

Dates for your diary

Please do mark these down in your diary.

These are the agreed dates so far.

OCT		
17th	Horniman museum	3B
18th	Horniman museum	3W
18 th	Divali Assembly	Yr 2
19 th	A lad in Tooting (Show) 2pm 6pm	Yr 4
23 rd	HALF TERM	All
NOV		
1st	Meet The Teacher	All
1 st	Elklan course 8.45	Parents
7th	Parent Gym Introduction	Parents
8 th	Elklan course 8.45	Parents
8th	Teddy Bear Clinic	Rec
9th	British Wildlife Centre	Year 6
9 th	Support your child's reading	Parents
15 th	Immunisations	R,1,2,3,4
15 th	Teddy Bear Clinic	Rec
16 th	Bag 2 School	
20 th	Scooter training	R,1,2
DEC		
7 th	British Museum	Yr 5
7 th	Christmas Wreath making 6.30 -9.30pm	Parents only
8 th	Parents to look at work 2pm	All
11 th	PANTO - Aladdin	Yr1-5
13 th	Nursery Nativity 10 & 1.30	Nursery
14 th	Christmas Lunch	
14 th	Year 5 show	Yr 5
15 th	Reception Xmas party	
15 th	Christmas Fair	All
15 th	Christmas Jumper Day	All
18 th	Carol Service 2pm (MLBC)	All
20 th	BREAK UP 1pm	All

Break time survey

We have a researcher working with the school to observe and make notes about all of the activities and opportunities there are for the children at break times. She will be talking to the staff and the children in order to complete a case study for UCL.

Meet the teacher 1st November

1.30 - 5.30pm

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 from the week beginning 30th October.

If you are unable to make these times please talk to your class teacher to arrange a time.

To make an appointment use the link you have been sent to book online.

If you are unable to access this, please book an appointment through the office.

For children with extra support you will need a longer slot, so please talk to the class teacher to arrange this.

7th December - Christmas Wreath Making

Workshop for parents 6.30 - 9.30 pm

Please contact Ros Graham in 2A for further details.

Attendance.

If your child is absent and you are sent a text, please respond on the day or it will be marked as unauthorised. If your child is absent at the end or beginning of a term for sickness, written proof will be required (compliment slip/letter).

School assemblies and shows

Divali assembly	18 th October 8.40am	Year 2
A Lad in Tooting (Show)	19 th October 2pm and 6pm	Year 4
Year 5 show	14 th December 2pm and 6pm	Year 5
Nursery Nativity	13 th December 10am & 1.30pm	Nursery
Carol Service	19 th December 2pm	All

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch choices must be made for a half term as food is bought in bulk.

Please **do not** expect us to be able to change week on week.

If a packed lunch is forgotten you will need to pay for the school dinner the child has on that day.