

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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Meet the Teacher

Please sign up online for a time slot to meet your child's teacher on 20th March (1:30 - 5:30pm). Texts to sign up will be sent Thursday 6th March. Structured conversations will be arranged separately by the class teacher for a different date.

Dinner hall.

The good news is that the builders have agreed to keep the back gate open during the building works and appropriate safety measures will be put in place.

The owners of Cedars hall are adding a new extension above the dining hall; which means we have to vacate the hall while the work is taking place.

The children will be eating in the lounge area of Cedars.

For a few weeks during the summer term the kitchen will be out of action. The catering company have agreed to deliver packed lunches to the hall and the building company are paying for the delivery. They were unable to find a kitchen space nearby that was able to handle 270 extra hot meals.

I will let you know as soon as I find out any further details.

PTA Events

22nd March - Quiz night Talk to the PTA for details

Medical students -wellbeing activities.

We have a large group of medical students from St Georges who are coming to observe a range of activities and their impact on wellbeing.

Grass area

Work has started in earnest on developing this area. It has been cleared and we have begun building a fire pit and sourced tree stumps from Wimbledon Common to make stepping stones. We are hoping to have a mini-orchard and foraging area. If anyone has any small fruit trees or herbs that they would like to donate we would be very grateful.

Swimming gala Years 5 and 6

We are looking forward to hosting an intra year 5 and 6 swimming gala at St Josephs College on 15th March 10-12.

Parents are very welcome to come and support us but you **must arrive before 10:00am** through the Rycroft Road entrance (not through the main school entrance).

Children should bring snacks, hats and swimming things!

Every child will be given the opportunity to take part.

Market Stall (Tuesday after school)

We have 120Kgs of food delivered to the school on Monday that is surplus to requirements in the large supermarket warehouses.

We are delighted to be able to offer this food to parents and staff for a minimum donation which will cover the costs of joining the scheme. Please do come and have a look. We have different food every week.

Debt

The school has to cover any debts that are accrued through non-payment of dinners.

This has an impact on all of the children's education.

Please make sure you pay any outstanding monies owed promptly.

If we have to start taking recovery action we will do so although we would all rather avoid that.

Children not picked up at 3:00pm

Children finish school at 3:00pm and we expect them to be picked up when they finish.

1. If you know you are running late please phone the office as soon as possible before 3:00 to let us know.
2. If there are no other options; in an emergency we will provide emergency childcare at a cost of £20 for the session.
3. If you have not phoned we will phone you and if we cannot get through we will phone your emergency contact numbers.
4. If we still get no response from any numbers we will start phoning Social Services and the police at 4:40pm so that the social workers can arrange emergency foster care.

Older, sensible children can walk home by themselves as long as an adult is there to supervise them when they get home. Please let the teachers know you are allowing them to do this.

School Lunches

Please make sure that you pay for all dinners in advance to avoid accruing any arrears.

The total cost for this half term is £64.50 up to 5th April.

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.)

Governors News

The governors all come into school at least once a term to look at the school in action and particular subjects in detail. Their report is on the website. Do have a look.

Shows and assemblies 2019

Entry to shows is a contribution of at least £1 per person. This goes towards subsidising the costumes and stage set. Thank you in advance.

March 29 th 2pm	Mothers Day	Reception Years 1, 2
April 3 rd 2pm & 6pm	Show	Year 3

Dates for your diary

Please do check the website regularly as it is constantly updated with additional dates.

Food Bank

Thank you for your donations. We are still collecting food for the food bank in the box in the foyer. It is much appreciated. They currently need toothbrushes and paste, beans and rice.