

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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Greening the school

We have some beautiful new pots that Mark Sweny has procured for us in his quest to fill the grounds with trees. Please admire them either side of the Reception entrance. We are continuing to collect indoor plants as well and are grateful for any contributions.

WhatsApp groups and Instagram

There are WhatsApp groups in all year groups that are for sharing information about school events with parents quickly and efficiently. The WhatsApp group is not the right forum to be raising complaints and concerns.

If you do have concern please do have a chat with the teacher after school at a mutually convenient time.

If you would like to view the Instagram pictures please click request to follow and let Ms Pouvreau know your Instagram account name and she will accept you as a friend for your child's year group.

Christmas fair

This will be on Thursday 5th December from 2:30-4:00 All donations welcome.

Money raised will go towards supporting Masindi School in Uganda and the Air ambulance service.

Sports news

Furzedown started the **Golden league** football this term, playing against several other Wandsworth schools for points. The league resumes again after the Spring half-term when the weather is (hopefully) warmer.

The Furzedown **cross-country** competition took place on the Common for Y5 and Y6. Well done all for taking part and thanks to our supporting parents and friends!

The next Furzedown Intra-competition for Y5 and Y6 will be the Swimming gala in the Spring term.

The **Y5/6 girls football** team showed a strong side against around 19 other Wandsworth schools. They made it through to the finals and sadly lost 1-0. We have high hopes for this very strong team!

Once again Furzedown made it through the qualifying rounds of the **Maurice Fulcher Cricket tournament** at The Oval. Sadly they ended up losing to Belleville School - a bitter pill to swallow after having won the tournament and trophy the last two years running.

UNICEF

It is 30 years since the agreement by the United Nations for Children's rights!

It's an historic occasion and we are celebrating the anniversary on **Wednesday 20th November**.

Children will be encouraged to come to school wearing the UNICEF colours Blue and White.

We will be discussing the UNCRC (United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child) in assemblies and PSHE this week throughout the school.

Lunch

If your child has a packed lunch please do send in a balanced healthy lunch.

Please do **not** send in cold burger and chips.

School dinners and food standards

I have had a meeting with Edwards and Ward re: sugar in puddings.

There will be a cake option 4 days a week alongside the fruit and yoghurt. All of the puddings conform to all of the food standards guidelines and they are sweetening them by using more fruit and vegetables eg carrot / beetroot/courgette in their recipes.

Head Lice (nits)

Please check your child's hair for Lice/nits regularly. If you do find any nits please let the school know. We have a leaflet to help you with how to deal with them.

Market stall

Every **Monday**, after school, outside the cookery unit, there will be a sale of produce.

The school have bought into a scheme Fair Share that redistributes food that would otherwise have been disposed of.

Please do come and support us.

PTA

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the AGM on 9th OCT. The current team - Laila Moosavi, Abbey Allen, Anna Godsiff, Jenny Barnard and Colin Warner (treasurer) were re-elected for another year. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work and look forward to events this year.

The PTA are working towards being plastic free and would really appreciate your help to achieve this.

Children not picked up at 3:00pm

School ends 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 (9+) 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.

Hospital/dental appointments

Please bring children into school before and after appointments whenever possible to get their attendance mark.

Food Bank

Thank you for your donations. We are still collecting food for the food bank in the box in the foyer.

Keeping warm and dry

Waterproof coats.

As it gets damper and colder please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and warm layers in school every-day.

Warm hats

They need warm hats for the swimming day so that they are comfortable.

Shoes and boots

If children come to school in wellingtons please send them in with shoes to change in to so they are comfortable in class.

Outgrown Wellingtons

If you do have any wellingtons that your child has outgrown we will be delighted to take them off your hands.

Shows 2019/20

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.

21 st November	2pm 6pm	Year 5 show
11 th December	10am 1.30pm	Nursery Nativity
17 th December	11am 2pm	Reception Show

Christmas celebrations

17 th	Nursery	Party
18 th December	Reception	Party
11 th December	Years 1-5	Panto Jack and the beanstalk
17 th December	Year 6	Unicorn theatre Mrs Canterville's Ghost