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Newsletter-27/9/19

This Week

Tomorrow is the day of our Welcome Fayre, please come and support. Cross your fingers for a dry day. More on the fayre later in the newsletter.

The school has been a very hard working place this week, I have seen some fantastic work and given out a number of Golden Book certificates this week. Our new sensory room has been put to good use with lots of children accessing it.

Open Evening

We are moving to an online booking system for Open Evening. We are just getting it set up. This year open evening is on **Wednesday 16th October** until 7:30 pm and **Thursday 17th October** until 5:30 pm. So please save the date and as soon as the system is live, we will let you know, with clear instructions, how to book.

Parent Governor Elections

Thank you for the nominations. We have three parents, at the time of writing this letter, who want to stand as Parent Governors. Therefore we will need to go to an election. You will receive instructions on how to vote next week. So watch this space.

BBC Own It App

There is a brand new app just launched by the BBC that focuses on the safety of children online and in particular when sending messages. The app is called 'Own It' and has special features that encourage children to think about the messages they are sending as well as the context of the message and how it could be perceived by others. Using a combination of self-reporting and 'machine learning', the app builds up a picture of your child's digital wellbeing and serves relevant content, information and interventions designed to help your child understand the impact that their online behaviours can have on themselves, and on others. More information can be accessed here: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/about-us/own-it-app-faqs>

Welcome Fair - tomorrow, 28 Sept, 12-4pm.

The fair is nearly here! The PTA has been busy getting everything ready. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time. You can still help by baking or buying cakes and biscuits for the tea stall. They can be brought to the dining hall on the day.

The fair is on from 12-4pm, entry is suggested £1 donation for adults and 50p for kids. We will have buckets on the gate. We have lots for you to enjoy inside, including classic school fair games, bouncy castle, art activities, food, drink and music. We have had an epic amount of donations to the toy & book stall, and our first second hand uniform stall, so do come and check it out. We are hoping to get a visit from the fire brigade with their engine, emergencies permitting.

Sandalls PTA is a registered charity and all funds go towards improving things at school. The trim trail, adventure play, new books for the library, sensory room and reading sheds were all funded by Sandalls. Please do come and support us on Saturday and if you want to be more involved let us know.

Children with Medical Needs

Thank you to all those parents who have recently provided us with their child's medication. We still have a large amount of children in school at the moment who are without their required medication. If your child's medication has expired and you have received a reminder to replace it from Mrs McDuell, please could you do so as soon as possible. Please ensure prescription labels are attached and that they are handed in to the school office, not to class teachers or TAs.

Any pupils who do not have their required medication in school will not be allowed on school trips. Pupils need access to their medication at all times and we cannot take our own supply of emergency Epi pens or inhalers off-site.

SANDADS BEER AND CURRY NIGHT - 7th OCTOBER – 7:30 pm (All Dads and Male Carers welcome)

Please Drive Safely

On Monday I had a report of an incident that occurred when a family was on the way to school. A boy in Yr 1 was walking with his mum on Minard Road. As they almost reached the junction of Minard and Sandhurst road a mum who was clearly in a rush was parking her car into a very tight spot (across a dropped curb) but was actually on the pavement and felt far too close to the boy and other children. His mum had to pull him out of the way before she nearly hit him - he was fine but got a bit of a fright. There are plenty of spaces at the top of Minard Road/Dowanhill Road so please try parking there, it's an extra 4 min walk.

Lewisham Lionhearts

Lewisham Lionhearts are recruiting for their U12 Team (Year 5&6) this year. They train or play 9.30am to 11.30am every Saturday at Forster Park. If you are interested please contact Willie Peddie on 07725 950281.

Lewisham Tigers

Lewisham Tigers are another local club with lots of Sandhurst children based at Abbotshall Playing Fields (off Sangley Road). Training takes place on Saturdays with games on Sundays. They are looking for new players for this season in Years 3 to 6.

Saturday	
9:30 to 11:00	11:00 to 12:30
Under 8s	Under 11 Blue
Under 9s	Under 11 Yellow
Under 10s	Under 12 T
Development Squad (years 4,5 & 6)	Girls
Under 12 S	Under 13s at St Dunstons

For any more information, please contact: collinbryan@hotmail.co.uk

A New Community Art Club

Next month there will be an art classes at Lewisham Arthouse for kids aged 8 – 13. The classes will be every Tuesday from 4 - 6pm for up to 10 students. Before the term starts, they are hosting several taster sessions for a discounted price so students have the option to try out the classes before signing up. If you are interested, I have attached a flyer from the organisation. There is more information on the website: www.sampetherbridge.co.uk/artclasses

Free School Meals

I have been helping some families apply for free school meals this week. If you think you are eligible, please apply. You only need to apply once during primary school. If eligible that will stay for the whole time your child is with us. It gives the school a sum of money to support your child with in the school setting. Please do not be proud, let us help you.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Black History Month

We are delighted that our KS2 choir have been invited to sing at the Civic Suite to open the events taking place in Lewisham for Black History Month on Tuesday 1st October. They have also been invited to sing at St Mary's Church, Lewisham on Saturday 5th October. They are busy practising.

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion (6 September to 3 November 2019)

We have signed up with Aldi to help us win some PE resources for our school.

Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store, you will receive a Team GB sticker. Take your stickers to school to help complete our poster. Once complete with 300 stickers we will send the poster back to Aldi to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for our school.

Let Me Play

When sorting your childcare for September please do not forget we can offer wrap around care from 7:45am until 6:00pm with the combination of our Breakfast Club and Let Me Play After School Club. We have a new Let Me Play banner on our fence.

Attendance

Attendance will remain a key priority for us this year. This week attendance overall was 95.5%. A huge well done to John Williams Class with 99% attendance this week. Generally, we are doing really well but we still have a few families who really need to improve. Our persistent absence this week was 13.8% and we need to reduce this to below 8%.

Flu Vaccinations

All children in school from Reception to Yr 6 will be eligible for the flu nasal spray this year. Our allocated day is Tuesday 19th November. I have attached a letter from the NHS explaining to parents that you will register on line this year. The NHS will send us a unique number for our school to enable you to register. As soon as we receive that number, I will forward it to you all. We also have some posters to go up to explain what you need to do.

Dates – Autumn 2019

28/9/19	SANDALLS WELCOME FAYRE
1/10/19	KS2 Choir – performing at the Civic Suite - 7:00 pm
2/10/19	Bikeability – Dr Bike in all day
3/10/19	Gamelan Trip – Royal Festival Hall
5/10/19	KS2 Choir – performing at St Mary’s Church, Lewisham – 6:00 pm
7/10/19	Bikeability – Yr 5 (24 pupils) Sandads Beer and Curry Evening – 7:30pm – Dining Hall
8/10/19	Yr 3 Trip – Creekside Environmental Centre (Bowie Class) Photographer in – Individual photographs
9/10/19	Yr 3 Trip – Creekside Environmental Centre (Ska Class) 9:10am – Yr 6 Secondary application support – Mrs Dove’s Office
10/10/19	Yr 3 Trip – Creekside Environmental Centre (Abba Class) 9:10am – Yr 6 Secondary application support – Mrs Dove’s Office 3:15pm - Yr 6 Secondary application support – Mrs Dove’s Office
11/10/19	Yr 3 Trip – Creekside Environmental Centre (Jazz Class)
15/10/19	Yr 5 Production to parents – 9:15am – Lower Hall
16/10/19	Open Evening – Individual parent/ teacher meetings
17/10/19	Open Evening – Individual parent/ teacher meetings
18/10/19	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
28/10/19	BACK TO SCHOOL
4/11/19	Yr 2 Trip - Fire Station (Didgeridoo Class)
6/11/19	Yr 2 Trip – Fire Station (Bongo Class)
8/11/19	Yr 2 Trip – Fire Station (Castanets Class) Sandads Firework Display
11/11/19	Reception & Yr 6 Height and Weight Measurement Programme Life Bus arrives (all week)
13/11/19	Yr 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
18/11/19	Yr 5 Trip – Science Museum
19/11/19	Flu vaccinations – Whole School
3/12/19	Yr 5 Trip – British Museum
6/12/19	Sandalls Christmas Fayre
10/12/19	KS1 Carol Concert for Parents – pm
11/12/19	KS1 Carol Concert for Parents – am Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
12/12/19	Carols by Candlelight – KS 2 Choir – 7:00pm
17/12/19	Yr 3 Nativity Production – pm
18/12/19	Yr 3 Nativity Production – am Class Parties – pm
19/12/19	St Andrew’s Church Service – pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
6/1/20	RETURN TO SCHOOL



Lewisham music

Lewisham Junior Orchestra

lewishammusic.org/LJO
apply by 9 October

21 & 22 October
10am-3.30pm

£50 (£15 concessions)

Join Lewisham Music for two days of exciting orchestral music making during half term as part of Lewisham Junior Orchestra! It is a great opportunity to learn new arrangements and develop your playing with other young musicians.

Applications are welcome from children in Years 4 to 8 (inclusive) who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (tuned and untuned percussion and keyboards) at Grade 1 standard and above.

LOCATION
Prendergast Vale School, Elmira Street,
Lewisham, SE13 7BN

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