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Newsletter-6/9/19

This Week

A huge welcome to all our new families, but also to everyone else. I hope you all had a lovely summer and are refreshed and ready for a busy, hardworking term. I had a lovely time apart from having a visit from OFSTED on my holiday where I volunteer!

The children have all returned looking really smart. They have settled well and seem very excited about the year ahead. We are looking forward to hearing and experiencing lots of different music all around school this year as we celebrate our class names.

SANDALLS

I want to say a massive thank you to you all for all the funds you raised for us last year. However, I want to especially thank SANDALLS for all their hard work. I am so excited that we have just opened our Sensory Room at school, to support those children who may need a calm, chilled space to help them move on with day-to-day school life. This has only been made possible by all of your generosity. You will see two, lovely sheds that have appeared in the playground. These are going to be reading huts. I just need to get to Dunelm to kit them out with rugs and cushions, then we will fill them with books. Thank you also to those wonderful Sandads who gave up last Saturday to build them. Please keep raising funds for us, it really does provide those lovely extras we can no longer afford. Thank you everyone.

Welcome Fair - Saturday 28 September 12-4pm

The fair is fast approaching and we need **donations** and **help!** If you can help on a stall, sorting donations before the fair, setting up on the day or tidying away - please email info@sandalls.net or contact us on Facebook. All help gratefully received.

We are looking for donations of:

- **Items for our Toy and Book Stall - Toys, puzzles, books, cuddly toys.** (Used is fine but please no broken donations)
- **Art Supplies for our Creation Station - buttons, beads, feathers, odd bits of material, ribbons!** (Small items in labelled envelopes or pots please)
- **Luxury Tombola - Unwanted gifts, chocolates, fancy toiletries, unused candles, bottles of wine, beer or alcohol and grown up non-alcoholic drinks.**
- **Second Hand Uniform - We need your old (cleaned) uniform please! Shirts, skirts, jumpers, dresses, cardigans, trousers, bookbags, paired plimsolls and PE Kit.**
- **Bake Sale - Cakes, biscuits and more cakes!** (Please no nuts due to allergies) We would be especially grateful for vegan/gluten free/etc options. Shop bought is fine, you don't have to pretend you made it.

All donations, except cakes, can be dropped at the school office. Cakes on the day, please do let us know if you are making for us so we have a rough idea how much we have.

Let Me Play

When sorting your childcare for September please don't 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. Generally we are doing really well but we still have a few families who really need to improve. I am also receiving too many holiday requests. Holidays must be taken in holiday time. Requests for travel will only be granted in real extreme family circumstances. Please support us in this. Thank you.

Secondary Transfer

Just to remind parents of current Yr 6 pupils, the Secondary School open days start really early in the Autumn Term. You should have all received your book with Open Day dates in them so please make sure you have a look at the dates for the schools you are interested in. We will hold our meeting for parents next Tuesday so we can give you the best support possible.

A Message for Lewisham Local Authority (AN EVENT TOMORROW)

We are running an informal coffee morning for parents and carers about to start the secondary admissions process. This will be held at the Civic Suite on **Saturday September 7th 10am-12.30pm**, and will be a chance for parents and carers to learn more about the admissions process. There will be staff and pupil representatives from each of our secondary schools there too, so parents and carers can feel informed about each school and perhaps visit some during the open days they might not have known about. The link to register for the event is here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/starting-secondary-school-in-2020-advice-and-support-for-lewisham-parents-tickets-65416200617>

Club News

If you have signed your child up in a club and have not yet paid for them, could you please pay via parentmail as soon as possible. Thank you. There are still spaces available in Beam (Y3-Y6) and Healthy Eating club (Y5-Y6) also Science club which is available to all years from reception to year 6. To join science club you will need to apply to mad science directly at <https://register.madscience.org/east/afterschool-register.aspx>. Clubs start week commencing 23rd September.

School Meals

Please remember that if your child is in Years 3 - 6, you will have to pay for your child's school meal which is currently £2.30 per day. Please try to pay online via Parentmail - we will be moving to a cashless office before half-term!

Parentmail

Thank you to all parents who are successfully using Parentmail to pay for uniform, school meals and clubs. We hope the system is working well for you too. We had hoped that up-to-date dinner money balances would be available for parents with children in years 3 - 6 but that is not yet ready. If you have any questions about Parentmail, try the "Help" feature on the app or contact the school office. Thank you!

School Journey - March 2020

Reminder that the final date for paying the deposit for the Year 5 school journey to the PGL centre in East Sussex is next Friday, 13/09/19. Please make your payment via Parentmail if possible. Further information will be sent home at the end of September.

Pupil Premium

If you are in receipt of benefits such as universal credit, your child may be entitled to free school meals or subsidised/free school trips. Please apply online at <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>. It's very easy to check and we receive funding for your child too.


Connected Families Ltd

We are offering 7 workshop sessions for parents of teenagers as we know that during all stages of our children's development we might need help to make our relationship with our teenagers even better.

We are offering parents 7 workshops at Downham Health & Leisure Centre starting on 9th September 7.30-9.30 p.m. Our facilitators are offering to run these sessions free of charge so that parents only pay a £30 registration fee. The centre has offered the space free of charge.

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 online 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.



Time Out For Parents

The Teenage Years


Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 11 to 19

Date
Every Monday, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
9 Sept - 28 Oct

Venue
Downham Health & Leisure Centre 7-9 Moorside Road, Bromley, BR1 5EP

Registration fee £30

For more information
Contact Milicent on
0792 532 9826 or email
Connectedfamiliesltd@gmail.com



Dates – Autumn 2019

9/9/19	Yr 3 Meet the Teacher Meeting – 9:15am – Lower Hall Yr 4 Trip – Para-swimming games Yr 2 Tie dye workshop
10/9/19	Yr 5 Meet the Teacher Meeting – 9:15am – Lower Hall Yr 6 Meet the Teacher Meeting & Secondary Transfer Meeting – 6:00pm – Lower Hall
11/9/19	Yr 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting – 9:15am – Lower Hall
13/9/19	Friday prospective parent tours begin
16/9/19	Yr 4 Meet the Teacher Meeting – 9:15am – Lower Hall
17/9/19	Yr 2 Meet the Teacher Meeting – 9:15am – Lower Hall
18/9/19	Yr 2 Trip – Horniman Museum (Bongo and Didgeridoo Class)
19/9/19	Yr 2 Trip – Horniman Museum (Castanets Class) African drumming workshop
20/9/19	Photographer in – Individual photographs
28/9/19	SANDALLS WELCOME FAYRE
2/10/19	Bikeability – Dr Bike in all day
7/10/19	Bikeability – Yr 5 (24 pupils)
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)
10/10/19	Yr 3 Trip – Creekside Environmental Centre (Abba Class)
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)
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
19/11/19	Flu vaccinations – Whole School
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 (TBC) BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
6/1/20	RETURN TO SCHOOL