

A Special Guest



On Tuesday we had some very special visitors, the Air Ambulance! There was an accident on Bromley Rd. The air ambulance was called to drop off a doctor. They landed in our playground. After making sure that everything was OK, the children were invited to speak with the pilot and to have a look around the helicopter before it flew off. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity to get up close to a helicopter. Nearly all the classes managed to speak to the pilot and have a walk around before the helicopter was called off on its next job. The pilot took off slowly so as all the children could watch it lifting off the ground. Thank you Air Ambulance service for making Tuesday a more exciting day.



Theme for September - Responsibility

**"IF YOU CAN'T
THINK OF ANY-
THING
NICE TO say,
NOT THINKING
HARD ENOUGH"**
Kid President

Penerley Gate Arrangements

We have changed the exit arrangements for the Penerley Road gate, to help ensure the safety and well being of the children in our care. To stop unknown visitors entering the site without going to Reception and to ensure our children don't use the exit button during the day the only access to the school after 9.05 will be through the Culverley Road entrance. Many thanks for your support.

Year 6 Transition Meeting

There will be a secondary school transition meeting for Year 6 parents, hosted by the Local Authority on **Monday 17th September** at 6pm in the Main Hall. This will be a good opportunity to gain insight about the admissions process and answer any queries you may have about transition.

Attention Year 6 Parents

As your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for a secondary school by **31st October 2018**.

Applications are to be done online at **www.eadmissions.org.uk**. To get more information about applying for schools as well as to sign up for open day reminders and tips, you can visit **www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions**.

If your child has any special educational needs or disabilities, please visit **www.lewisham.gov.uk/SENadmissions** for more information about the application process.

Should you need any help with your application, please speak with either Ms Purkiss or Mr Grocock.

Dinner Money

A special “thank you” to those parents who are keeping their child/children’s dinner accounts up to date.

Cost of dinners for Autumn 1 will be £70.40.

This breaks down as £2.20 per day. This payment should be made through Parentpay. If you do not currently have a login for Parentpay, please contact the school office.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that school dinners should be paid in advance. If your child has recently entered into Year 3, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents you are now required to pay for school dinners.

Coffee Mornings

We would like to thank those who attended the coffee morning earlier today which was hosted by the inclusion team (Ms Purkiss and Mrs Handley).

Our next RGSA coffee morning will be held on Thursday 20th September @ 9am in the main hall. We hope to see as many of you there.

Absences During School Hours

Last term, there was an increasing number of students who were collected from school early or being brought to school late due to a variety of reasons including dental and GP appointments. It is essential that pupils form good attendance habits at school from the earliest age and such absences impact the continuity of their education.

We kindly ask that you arrange appointments for your children outside of school hours or during school holiday. If the timing is unavoidable, such as hospital appointments, please provide the office with the appointment letter.

If your child is absent from school, you will need to call the school on each day of their absence. When calling, please select option 1 to report the absence. For sickness or diarrhoea, your child must be absent for 48 hours from the last occurrence of illness. Following guidance from the LA we advise that if your child is unwell and away from school for more than two days you will be required to provide medical proof to support their absence.

Clubs

All after-school clubs will be starting next week. We kindly ask that payment for clubs be made no later than today so that your child’s place is secured in the selected club/s.

Please make all payments via Parentpay. Thank you.

RGSA pre-loved uniform Sale

RGSA pre loved school uniform sale, will be on Friday 21st September after school.

Sale will be held once a month. Requests can also be made directly to the RGSA Team.

Contact Details

It is important that we are kept up to date of parents contact details. If your address or numbers should change, please contact the office straight away.

The same applies for any additional contacts, we require a minimum of 2. We want to send more by email to help you keep up to date.

Please provide the office with your email address during Parent Consultation.

Parking

To help address issues of dangerous parking the local police have been recording drivers who park dangerously outside the school.

Those who have repeatedly parked inconsiderately will be fined. There have also been parking enforcement cars in the area scanning cars and instantly producing fines of £120.

If driving, please arrive to school in plenty of time to find a parking space and be prepared to walk part of the way.

Care Plans

If you have not already done so, please update your care plans and give them to Ms Purkiss.

