



Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. Next week we will be returning to our usual Friday slot for the weekly newsletter.

School is closed for staff training on **Friday 10th September**. Our Collaborative schools have joined together for a training day led by Pie Corbett, who is a lead practitioner in children's writing.

We have an exciting year planned. In October we are holding an arts fortnight with additional events planned for the children and the school community.

We have made some changes to our curriculum planning which will be shared with parents and carers at our annual Governors' Report to Parents meeting. There will still be one main topic or theme for the term for each class. In addition to this there will be some shorter themes. Children will be bringing home a copy of the overview for the autumn term on Tuesday next week along with suggested home learning activities. Please note that copies of class rules, more detailed plans and all our key policies are available on the school website (class rules and plans from next week). We are trying to reduce the amount of paper we send home. Parents and carers who do not have Internet access at home are welcome to access the school website at school. (Please ask at the office for further information).

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BEGINNING AND END OF SCHOOL DAY

Even before clubs start; the beginning and end of the day can be a very busy time. We need to ensure that every child is collected safely and promptly. The school day ends at 2.55pm in KS1 and 3pm in KS2. Children who are not collected on time will now wait in the dining area with Lynne Murphy, our After School Club Manager. You will be asked to sign your child out so that we know they have been collected and we have a record of late collection. Playtime club is primarily for children who are staying on for clubs or after school clubs. If you require a playtime club place for any other reason; this needs to be booked in advance at the school office. There is currently a charge of £1 per family (from Monday 13th) for the use of the service.

Children do not play ball/chase games or use the playground equipment before and after school.

We ask that the office exit should only be used at home time if you are visiting the office. This is particularly important during building work. This is for children's safety and to ensure that we have a calm start and finish to the day.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money costs for the autumn term are as follows:

1st half term: £50.40

2nd half term: £49.00 Termly cost: £99.40

JASON AND THE QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN FLEECE DVD ORDERS

Unfortunately, the sunlight in the school hall has made the recording of the Wednesday evening performance unclear. If parents and carers that have ordered this copy would like to change to the Tuesday afternoon copy; please see Caroline in the school office.

BUILDING WORK UPDATE

Work on the new roof is progressing well. The scaffolding tower in the playground is being removed at the weekend. The work is on schedule to be completed in early October. More information about changes to the front of the school will follow shortly.

CLUB NEWS

Yesterday your child will have brought home the clubs list for this year. A second cooking club and drama club will be starting in the spring term. Please can we have all club request slips returned by Wednesday 8th September, in the morning, so that places can be allocated. When selecting clubs for more than one sibling; please

remember that unfortunately we do not have any childcare provision for the children who are not attending a club.

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

The dates for this academic year can be found below and on the school website by clicking on 'calendar'. Please note that absences during term time, for holidays or family events, can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

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| Fri 10 th September | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Mon 13 th September | Secondary Transfer Meeting YR6 7pm at Sydenham School |
| Fri 17 th September | School Nurse 'Drop In' 9.30am |
| Mon 27 th September | YR6 Cycling Proficiency Week |
| Wed 29 th September | Target Setting Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm |
| Thurs 30 th September | Target Setting Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm |
| Fri 1 st October | Sponsored Walk, PM |
| Wed 6 th October | Governors' Report to Parents, 7pm |
| Oct 11 th - Oct 22 nd | ARTS FORTNIGHT |
| Sat 16 th October | Nearly New and Local Art Sale, PM |
| Wed 20 th October | Autumn Assembly, 9.30am |
| Thurs 21 st October | Auction of Promises, 7.30pm |
| Wed 10 th November | YR3 IMPACT Workshop, 9am |
| Thurs 11 th November | YR4 IMPACT Workshop, 9am |
| Nov 15 th - Nov 19 th | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Fri 3 rd December | Winter Wonderland Ball |
| Mon 13 th December | Christmas Bingo, 3.30pm |
| Tues 14 th December | KS1 Performance, 2pm |
| Wed 15 th December | KS2 Performance, 9.30am |
| Friday 17 th December | End of Term |

PTA NEWS

Last year was a very successful year for the PTA. We already have several events planned which are shown in the term dates above.

Horniman Community Notice Board
To place a free item on the notice board, email admin@horniman.lewisham.sch.uk

Events

Southwark Tigers was the first club set up for children and the only inner city rugby club that is still going.

We are a charity that charges no fee to play rugby – except annual insurance and a contribution towards travel costs for away matches. Our hope is that we can make rugby affordable and attractive to anybody. We believe that the skills learnt in the game of rugby can be of great benefit to young people within the inner city.

This year, 2010, is our 10th anniversary

We are having a festival to celebrate our anniversary next Sunday – 12 September 2010 - at our ground (Cobourg Road, Burgess Park, SE5 0JD) – where the rugby posts are.

We will have a food, drinks bouncy castles and lots of rugby – including 7's matches starting teams to include one of our sponsors, city firm Norton Rose (solicitors), a kids rugby tournament and maybe a chance for the kids to sponge the coaches!

The fun starts at 12 noon and will end with a special match between our adult team – Southwark Lancers – and the prestigious Kent President's team.

If you are free why now come along?