

Fair Do's

Wanted – books, CDs, plants and scrap material.

Do you have green fingers and are willing to donate some cuttings to sell at the summer fair? Are your bookshelves groaning under the weight of all those brilliant books that you know that you will never read again? Do you have large lengths of scrap material that we can use for bunting?

If so please pop them in the boxes provided in the quiet room. The summer fair is on Saturday 5th July. Please spread the word and invite your friends, family, neighbours to come and join the fun.

Kelly (*Japhy*)

Smashing Idea

Please would you look in the corners of your cupboards for any chipped crockery for our Summer Fair's "Smash the Crockery" stall?

Please leave in designated box in Quiet Room. Thanks!

Karen (*Millie and Alfie*)

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If you were involved with this year's camp or would like to feed back on your child's experience, please come along to a debriefing meeting at 3.15pm on Monday (23rd June).

Annual reports will be sent home on Friday 4th July. Parents are invited to come in and meet with teachers in the following week to discuss their child's development over the year. Please speak directly to your child's teacher in order to make an appointment.

Tour de Force!

On Wednesday 2nd July at 9.15 Lizzie will be conducting a tour of the school for parents of children currently at LNS who would like to know more about what happens as children move up through the classes.

We need to know numbers so if you would like to join in with this please let Cath know in the office.

Tour de France?

It would be a great help if all parents could remind children not to ride bikes or scooters at the beginning or end of the day. This kind of activity does from time to time cause accidents and families have requested that we have a rule to this effect. The playground is not supervised before 8.45 in the morning or after 3.15 in the afternoon and we do rely on parents supervising their children at these times.

ECO TIP

Any unwanted bubble wrap is always welcomed by Hesketh Pottery on Lansdown Rd opposite La Porte's café.

Freedom like the sky

There's a log in the fire,
A rabbit in the pot.
The horses are grazing,
The sun is low.
Joe is chinning the cosh
On the vardo step.
Old Riley May
Sings like the past
Her voice rings aloud,
Warming my heart.
I feel like a bird
Ready to fly,
My freedom is calming
Just like the sky.
But just around the corner
Trouble lurks,
A bolo is waiting
Ready to lurch.
Hustled away
To some unknown place,
Everyone bearing
A grim face.
Out in the open,
Exposed to the world.
We start a new journey,
Full with its thirst.

Chinning the cosh: Carving the wood.
Bolo: Police Man.

Riah (*Class 4*)

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Mon	Tomato and cheese pasta bake	Fruit salad
Wed	Udon noodles with veg and tofu <i>Class 4's "You Choose" meal</i>	Very berry ice cream
Fri	Falafel, hummus and pitta bread	Baklava

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 23	Jessie on First Aid Course, Fru covering
Tue 24	Yr 6's to Priory School 'taster day' Swimming
Wed 25	Open Day
Thu 26	1.30 Trustees meeting

And in July

Wed 2	Jessie here all day with Yr 6's for Patina. School tour for parents already here
Thu 3	AM Sports Day for everyone in the Paddock
Fri 4	Jessie (Patina) here all day Reports to be given out
Mon 7	Jessie (Patina) here all day Dicken (musician) here to create song for Patina with Yr 6's
Tue 8	Class 3 Dress Rehearsal for dance festival - out all day
Thu 10	Class 3 out all day - dance festival
Fri 11	Patina Parade
Wed 16	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER



 BREAK UP

A bright June morning found the children of years 3-6 unfolding tents beneath a shining canopy of leaves. Pitches were cleared, poles snapped together and a cluster of tents grew. Groups of native American hunters swarmed between the trees; awkward apprentices of the jungle gym found agility well within their grasp. The forest - a tactile, vibrant, wood-fire scented world of gradually discernible sounds - became our home for three days. A drenching of sudden rain gave our first night the frisson of the wild. It battered on the walls and even trickled through our tents. Yet nothing beats the joy of waking up under canvas in a forest.

Summer camp was a true opportunity to get back to basics and reconnect with nature. As the teachers of Class 3, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience of fun, outdoor learning and acquiring practical skills. The children engaged in a range of activities, from building fires and shelters, stalking and tracking animals, to distinguishing edible or medicinal plants. The most striking element was the sense of our Lewes New School community working in harmony together and with nature. The autonomous and creative philosophy fostered within our school was evident throughout. This is such a unique experience for all involved, allowing individuals to grow and blossom away from the confines of the classroom.

We both felt very proud of all of the children and fortunate to have been involved. A huge thanks to everyone who made it possible, especially to the fabulous cooks and helpers.

Claudia & Lorraine

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