

Let the games begin...

Our annual sports day is set for next Thursday at The Paddock.

This year we have organised the whole school into four teams of mixed ages to compete against each other, scoring points, winning trophies . . . the lot!!

All the children will be brought by staff to The Paddock on Thursday morning arriving in time to start racing at 10.30am prompt. We are keen for those Class 1 children who do not normally attend school on Thursday mornings to also take part – please let Amanda know whether you would like to drop them at school that morning or whether you intend to take them directly to the Paddock.

Please come along and cheer your children on and even take part in one of the parent races! We will stay in the park afterwards and make a picnic of our packed lunches, returning to school around 12.45pm.

Sweet enough...

There have been an increasing number of less healthy snacks creeping into the children's lunch boxes. The consumption of refined sugar in particular does make a difference to how well children are able to enjoy and benefit from their experience at school. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

Books back

We have noticed that a certain number of books borrowed from the school have failed to return! Please help them to find their way back before the end of term so that we are fully stocked again!

**CLASS 3 AT LEWES SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL
Roedean School, Thur 10 July – 5.00pm & 7.00pm**

**Tickets are available from the office. Buy them soon
as unsold tickets will be returned on Mon 7 Jul.**

Fair's fare

Do you have green fingers and are willing to donate some cuttings to sell at the summer fair?

Can you donate old books and CDs for us to sell? If so please pop them in the boxes provided in the quiet room.

We also need lots of cakes and yummy treats. These should be delivered to the kitchen either on Friday 4th or the morning of the fair. Please can you include a list of ingredients with all food.

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd July in the quiet room at the start of the school day. All welcome.

Kelly (*Japhy*)

Goodwill Bunting

Come and join us and help make lots of beautiful bunting for the Summer Fair .

Tuesday (1st July) from 8pm at Louise's house (*Holly & Freya*).

New team

We are starting a new "Community Team" which will look at ways the school can interact more with the local and wider community. We aim to include our school in other nationwide school projects, and give the children the opportunity to be involved with the local community. If you have suggestions or ideas on how we can get more involved, please let us know!

Ellen (*Archie and Dan*) and Karen (*Millie and Alfie*)

Thanks to..

Two governors step down at the end of this term.

Paul Lowe (*Christopher*) has served the school over many years in a variety of roles. His cool judgment has been a vital asset to us as we have faced each new challenge.

Kate Macairt is one of the few governors not to be an LNS parent. Her educational expertise and understanding of our aims made her a great support and critical friend.

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Mon	Cream of sweetcorn soup and bread	Date slice
Wed	Baked potatoes with beans & cheese <i>Class 2's "You Choose" meal</i>	Banana surprise
Fri	Lasagne	Fruit salad

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 2	Jessie here all day with Yr 6's for Patina. School tour for parents already here Swimming
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	Picnic at the Pells - midday BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

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My office has that end of week feel about it. Papers are in more of a muddle than they ought to be . . . there are too many things still piled up on my in-tray accompanied by the odd coffee cup that seems to be struggling to find its way to the kitchen. As we near the end of term, staff are beginning to look forward to the long summer break that regenerates us for the school year ahead. Amongst all of this there is, however, a curious energy exuding from our oldest children which is bringing unexpected fun to our last weeks of the summer term.

It would not be unusual at this time of year to be counting off the days before Year 6 move on. Anticipating the major transition to secondary school, children frequently use the final term for testing boundaries and the nerves of all who work with them. Seeming to have outgrown their primary schools, children of this age are often ready to reject it for things they know to be bigger and hope to be better.

Nothing could be further from the reality of what is happening with the children of Class 4. In their classroom, the quiet buzz of thoughtful industry is testament to their determination to say farewell at their end of year performance with sensitivity and sophistication. Elsewhere their carefully judged mischief and sense of fun seem to say "we're excited to be moving on but for now we're still on board". In all of that I thank them for their example and anticipate missing them all very much.

Lizzie