

Lunch Menu

Mon Veggie Burgers & Salad
Banana Bread

Wed **Class 3's "You Choose" meal**
Pizza Margherita & Salad
Pancakes

Fri Jacket Potatoes with cheese and beans
Fruit salad

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 19	9.50am Grounds Meeting with Pippa Johns
Tues 20	3.20-4.20pm Premier Sports multi-sports club*
Weds 21	3.15 - 4.45 Drama Club 6pm Governors' meeting
Thurs 22	5-8pm PET Course in Class 2's room

Wed 28th **7.30pm Premises Meeting**
Fri 30th **8pm Wine & Wisdom**

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Tues 2nd **Jessie away for the week, Fru in Class 2**
Wed 4th **Open Morning**

* remember to bring a cheque [£22.50] on Monday

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Having been Chair of Governors for over a year now, I've obviously become very involved as part of the crew of people who ensure the continued day-to-day running of the school. And, amongst other truths, one thing is clear. For our small school to continue to pursue such an ambitious course it should ideally be operating on income of seven to eight thousand pounds per pupil. At that level and at current pupil numbers, we would perhaps not have to choose between, for example, computers, a music teacher or new playground equipment - the kind of stuff that people associate with well-funded state schools or traditional private schools. But the Lewes New School is neither of these.

It's a school where parents pay fees because the state won't (yet) fund our educational approach, though things continue to move our way. It's a school that took a decision when it started in 2000 to make itself as financially accessible as possible. That ethos only remains possible due to the unpaid efforts of every parent who helps with maintenance of the buildings, who helps to keep the grounds in shape or who organises a fundraising event. It makes huge demands on the Head and staff. And it's also made possible by the financial support of the school's Trustees, many of whom continue to back their commitment with their own money.

I thought this school was special before I arrived, but it turns out that, aside from its pioneering (and utterly common-sense) educational approach, what makes it special is that it manages to keep going! There's no LEA to fund us, no army of free advisers to share the load.

What's the point of all these observations? Nothing more really than to let you all know what happens 'below deck' to keep the good ship New School sailing on and to remind you that more hands on deck are always welcome.

Charlie (Chair of Governors)

New after school sports club

Luke and Matt from Premier Sports came in on Monday morning to tell the children about the multi-sport club they will be running here after school every **Tuesday from 20th January**. A Premier Sport application form was sent out with the invoices in the New Year (there are more available in the office if you have mislaid yours!). There will in fact only be 9 sessions this term, not 11 as it states on the form, and the cost will therefore be **£22.50**. If your child is interested please hand in your form, with a cheque, to the office on Monday, thank you.

Wine and wisdom

Come and flex your mind at the first ever LNS quiz night [**Friday 30th January, in the school hall at 8pm!**]

We all need some fun in January so why not ask your friends if they would like to take part?

The idea is that teams of up to 6 people get together in the school hall for a general knowledge quiz. Prizes to be announced on the night!

It's a chance for parents to get together + a new way to make friends. Ideally at least 2 members of your team will be from outside the school.

Entry is £5 per head – tickets available in the office - please bring a bottle on the night!

Kelly (*Japhy*) and Karen (*Millie and Alfie*)

New School Thinking

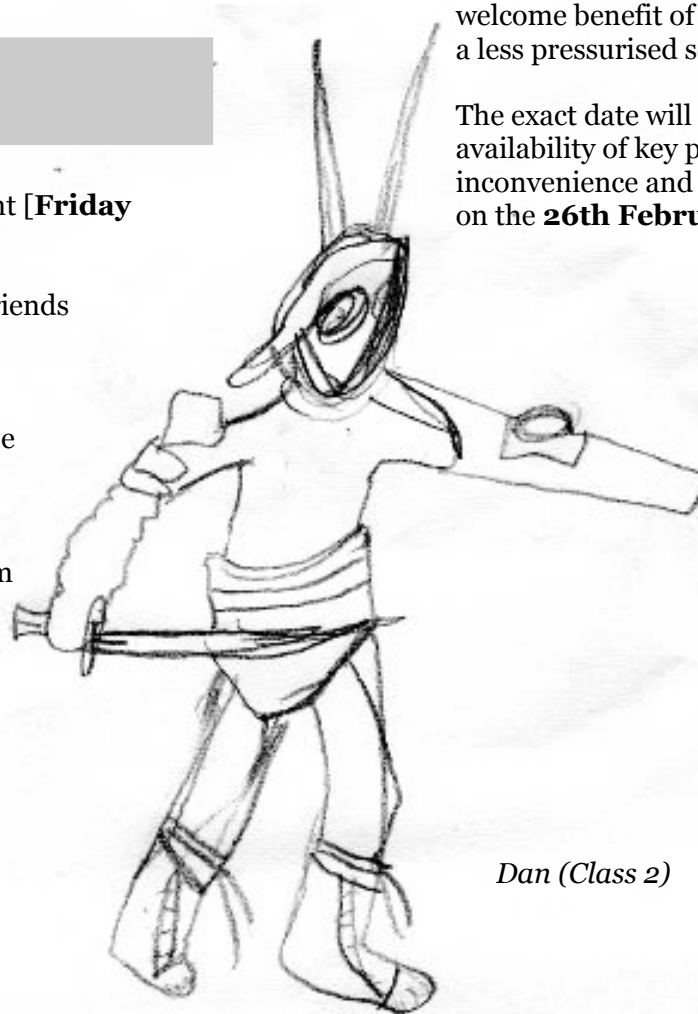
After very careful consideration it has been decided that the New School Thinking conference scheduled for Feb 26th should be postponed.

One of the reasons for the setting up of this event was the imminent publication of the Primary Review. This has now been postponed until the late spring and, in order to allow the conference to respond to the ideas that are likely to be raised by the Review, we are now looking at dates for the summer or autumn. This also brings the welcome benefit of allowing all involved in the conference to work to a less pressurised schedule!

The exact date will be confirmed as soon as we have confirmed availability of key participants. Please accept apologies for any inconvenience and amend your diaries so as to send kids in after all on the **26th February!**

Culture club

On Monday the Grounds Team has invited Pippa Johns, a practising permaculturist, to discuss the development of the school's outside space according to permaculture theory. This is a fantastic opportunity to revitalise this valuable asset of the school. Please take the opportunity to come along and meet Pippa and share your ideas. The meeting will be held at 9.50am and everyone is very welcome.



Dan (Class 2)