

# Lunch Menu

**Mon** Pizza & salad                      Fruit salad & yogurt

**Wed** **Class 2's "You Choose" meal**

**Fri** Sausage, chips & beans    Strawberry choc. truffle torte

*Can you help Class 3 along the final straight of their fantastic apron project? Please let Lizzie or Lorraine know*

*Come along on Sunday [22<sup>nd</sup>] to Charlotte's (Molly, Isla and Madeline) house from 7.30pm. A fitting end to Mothers Day! Bring clothes, a bottle of wine and a friend!*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Mon 23</b>	<b>3.15-4.15pm Premier Sports multi-sports club 4-5pm Y6 [Y5] visit from LNS 'graduates'</b>
<b>Tues 24</b>	<b>3.15-4.15pm Premier Sports multi-sports club</b>
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>9.30am Q.R. Stephanie re Communication Skills 3.15-4.45pm Drama Club [snack....]</b>
<b>Thurs 26</b>	<b>Dads' Curry Night</b>
<b>Fri 27</b>	<b>9.15am Skills W/s: Sewing Machines - BYO 2pm &amp; 6.30pm DANCE PERFORMANCE</b>

**BREAK UP**

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL BACK TO SCHOOL**

**MOTHERS DAY**

20 March 2009

**REFLECTION**

The children in class 2 and I have been on a variety of thought provoking trips throughout the year. Watching the children's ideas take shape through meaningful experiences has, in turn, helped me to reflect upon and question my own learning. As a result I've decided that now is the time for me to take a short, well actually a rather long, trip of my own.

Lizzie, the Governors and the Trustees have kindly agreed to allow me to take a year of unpaid leave starting in September 2009, to travel far and wide and, of course, to return! As well as deepening my own understanding of countries such as India, Vietnam and South America, it is my intention to teach in an early years setting in New Zealand. Working Visas, as they are in New Zealand, demand that I take this opportunity of a lifetime before the grand old age of 30. So, my partner Paul and I have come to the conclusion that we must both bite the bullet while we still can. I hope to bring back and share with the school a wealth of new experiences in September 2010.

So, this is not a goodbye but rather an au revoir. I would like to thank all of the parents, Governors, Trustees, and especially Lizzie who have been extremely supportive of my intentions.

**Jessie (Class 2 teacher)**

## Parents – Skills!

I am running two *Communication Skills for Parents* courses next term on Thursdays. There will be a morning [9.30–11.30] and an evening course [6.30–8.30]. They will run over ten weeks, with the first sessions on Thursday April 23rd.

***Please take an information sheet from the office and sign up to reserve your place***

Next Wednesday morning (25th March) I am giving a presentation about the course at 9.30am in the Quiet Room. So, if you want to hear more about the course please come along - *especially those of you who are newer to the school and would like to find out how this fits in with the school's ethos.* Hope to see you there! Stephanie (*Aileen*)



*Molly (class 3)*

**It has been wonderful in this week's lovely weather to come to school by bike – unfortunately bikes don't mix so well with our busy playground. Please leave all 'wheeled conveyances'.... by the gate. Remember that after 3.15pm all children are expected to leave the school's premises unless they are supervised in the playground. There is no staff supervision at this time.**

## Good News!

One hope shared by founders of the Lewes New School was that it would be an integral, valuable, and dynamic part of the local community, as available as possible to as many families as possible, whatever their financial status.

To carry this hope forward, we are putting the finishing touches to the first phase of a bursary scheme, which, in its opening year, will offer 5 assisted places for eligible families joining with children in years 3-6.

We also appreciate the loyalty of families already committed to the school, for whom in the present economic climate things can be really tough, so we will also be launching a fund to help eligible families in times of financial difficulty.

Application forms for both funds, along with details of how they work, will be available from the beginning of next term, with the first awards from the bursary panel taking effect from September 2009.

Our special thanks go to the **Guerrand Hermes Foundation**, whose extremely generous support has greatly strengthened this exciting new scheme.

## Dancers in search of a title

Next Friday, in an endeavour to wring every minute out of this term, there will be two performances of a dance, devised by the children of classes 2 & 3 with some of the older children in class 1 and working with their teachers and Amanda Banks.

***Tickets will be available in the office from Monday [4 per family in the first instance]***

***The final touches are being put to Lewes New School's library – bright rugs now complement the kaleidoscope of colour and pattern on every shelf. But, with the richness of variety comes the issue of order. So, if you see yourself as a disciple of Dewey and can spare a few hours your help would be much appreciated.***