

Please keep packed lunches **NUT FREE** this term - many thanks.

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Mon Spinach and Leak Pie Raisin and Honey Flapjacks
+ Spring onion mash

Wed **Class 2's "You Choose" meal**
Toad in the hole Eton Mess

Fri Veggie Soup + Carrot Cake
focaccia bread

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 11	Cycling Proficiency Week for Y5&6 REMEMBER BIKES AND HELMETS
Tues 12	8.50am Swimming at Leisure Centre [Y1-6] 3.15-4.15pm Premier Sports multi-sports club
Weds 13	2.30pm Quiet Room Summer Fair Meeting
Thurs 14	1-3.15pm Class 3 to Railway Land [pond dipping]
Fri 15	Class 2 trip to Natural History Museum 9.15 am Skills workshop - Sewing machines BYO

Mon -Thurs Jessie away on course
18th-21st Laura/Fru covering
Weds 20th Prioory School head of Y7 to speak to Y6 children
3.30 Camp meeting for parents and children

Mon 25th HALF TERM

JUNE

Weds - Fri
10th-12th CAMP Y3-6

SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 4th JULY 12.30 - 4pm

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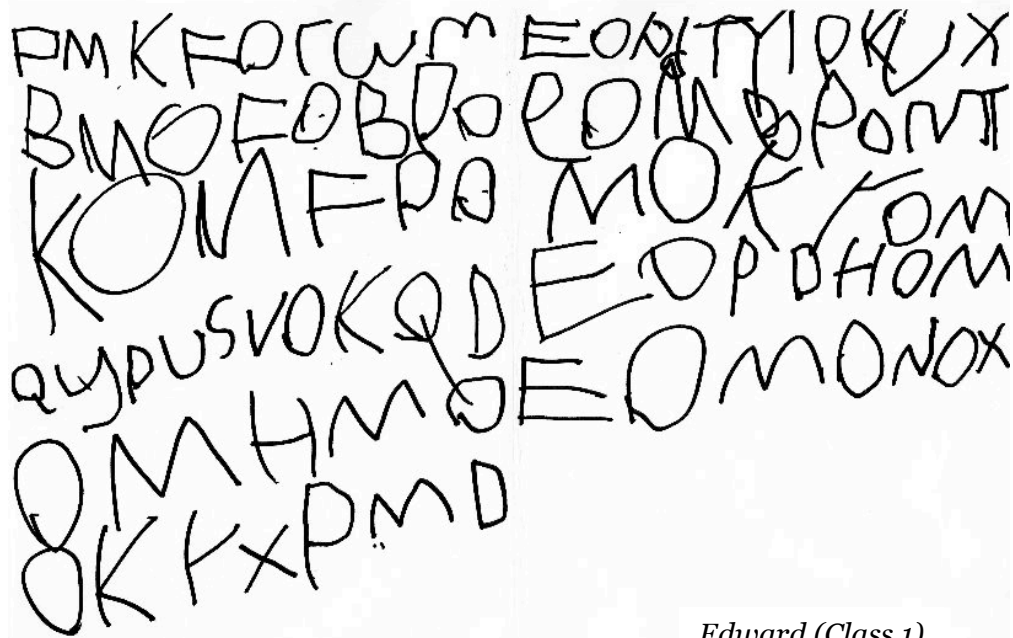
Like the best of parties, our recruitment day last week was lots of work but also lots of fun. Thanks to the efforts of all involved it ran like clockwork and gave parents, governors, trustees, staff and children opportunities to get beneath the skin of the teachers who are keen to work in our school. It was interesting to notice how our judgements varied according to our different experiences and fascinating to watch how these were shared at the end of the day when we attempted to reach agreement on who to shortlist for interview.

The feedback from candidates has been good. They were both amused and lightened by the 'speed-dating' activity that broke the ice at the beginning of the day. They, like us, had fun walking around with clipboards and a licence to record whatever observations they judged to be significant. They were refreshed by the common sense of Stephanie's 'Respectful Communication' taster session and nourished by the deliciousness of Alex's springtime pea soup and home made bread. Many are curious now to come to our conference in the autumn (whether they are appointed or not) in order to continue their link with the school.

The whole day was a bit like organising a party. We invited more people than we could possibly accommodate. We felt anxious when one or two (who we were banking on to be at the 'heart and soul') pulled out at the last minute. But in the end it worked out fine. Like with all good parties, we had a clear sense as it drew to a close of who were the friends we really liked. Now that the party's over, we're busy with the final stages of scrutinising whether these are also the people who really have what it takes to thrive as teachers in our community.

Watch this space - we'll keep you posted!

Lizzie



Edward (Class 1)

We are really sorry to say goodbye to Kelly who has been an important part of our lunchtime team. If anyone would be interested – or knows someone who might be - in taking over on Mondays [11.15am-2pm], Wednesdays and Fridays [11.15am-1.15pm], please let Cath or Mandi know.

The Summer Fair caravan is starting to roll – get on board [next Wednesday at 2.15] with your ideas for scrummy food and festival thoughts - ‘New Stock’ [geddit?] – true cool in Lewes - Kelly [Japhy] and Karen [Alfie & Millie]

Dancing schools

The Lewes Schools Dance Festival has become a regular annual event and a fantastic opportunity to represent Lewes New School. On **Tuesday 14th July** years 4 and 5 will be back at Roedean for the second year running with a new dance performance.

Bikes and Helmets? Check the diary [Y5&6] - and put them with that book bag

Buttons and Bells

We are now really into the swing of the new gate locking system. Cath and Mandi are delighted that they can remotely release it when we have visitors and everyone knows the push button on the side of the utility room that lets you out. From next week, the gate will be **locked from 9am**. Remember to ring the bell if there's no-one about in the playground to push that button....

Mystery Music

We are looking for musicians for a forthcoming music/recording project in the school. We are particularly interested in players of piano/keyboard; saxophone; violin/cello and guitar plus some of your time over the coming term. Please let Charlie [Alfie & Millie] know on charlie@dobres.com.

Charlie-it's-that-man-again-Dobres has provided the school with a copy of Jim Rose's 'Independent Review of the Primary Curriculum'. It's in the office. Have a read and, while you're about it, register on www.newschooldthinking.com and get involved in the big debate