

Lunch Menu

Monday	Monster minestrone	Super seedy flapjacks
Wednesday	Class 3's you choose meal Veggie pizza with salad	Apple crumble with custard
Friday	Creamy winter potato bake	Sticky date bars

Clothes with genuine appeal?

There's going to be a Clothes Swap on Sunday 7th Feb between 3pm and 6pm at Karen's (Millie and Alfie). £1 to Oxfam's appeal for Haiti for each item successfully re-housed. All LNS Mums welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tomorrow Creative Workshop 9am - 5pm

Wed 27	3.15 Netball
Thu 28	7.30 Marketing Team meeting

February

Weds 3 rd	10am OPEN MORNING
Thurs 4 th	7.30pm Premises Team meeting
Thurs 11 th	2.30pm Tea/Pancake sale
Fri 12 th	Break up for Half Term
Mon 22 nd	School back from Half Term
Wed 24 th	Netball Tournament at Wallands

NEW YEAR

"All of us, from time to time, need a plunge into freedom and novelty, after which routine and discipline will seem delightful by contrast" (André Maurois)

We like to start the new year with resolutions which will challenge us to break our routines. However, after a very hectic year in 2009, which saw many changes for me, my resolution for this year is actually to firm up my routines both at home and in the classroom.

As Lizzie wrote last week, some of us hold steadfastly to our routine because it allows us to know where we are and where we're going. Some may say that spontaneity allows for more creativity. Whichever, it's quite clear that, for children, both are extremely important.

Class 3 never forget what time break and lunch are! They are the ones who remind me it is their Book Club or their turn on the computer. There is security in the parameters of their 'routine'.

Having said this there was a sense of adventure when our routine was disrupted by the weather. We revelled in snowball fights and feigned bravery on slippery slopes. It was almost magical. We feasted on the sights of majestic Mother Nature. In school, children and adults alike threw out the daily routine and it felt great. Nonetheless, it soon became apparent that these same adults and children had had a surfeit of snow. In the classroom, this presented itself in children who didn't want to go out to play because they knew they would get cold and wet. They would rather stay in and do some project work. Children even asked when we were going back to our normal timetable so that they could do Maths, Book Club, Art Journals etc. They wanted their routine back!

It helps me, as a teacher, to remember that there is a child in all of us who needs their sense of adventure nurtured alongside a 'routine' that accommodates such spontaneity. Thus, children and adults alike will always have their routine to support them without blinding them to a wealth of opportunities and possibilities that appear alongside.

Anne-Marie (Class 3 teacher)

Pearl

As many of you already know, Pearl Leader recently resigned from her job as Class 3 TA in order to take up an exciting new post in the world of art therapy. The good news, however, is that Pearl will be returning to school throughout the year to support the Year 6 children who are about to embark on their new role as playground buddies/peer mediators. Class 3 is now supported by Jenny; Class 2 by Faustina and Class 1 by Ondine (4 days) and Angie (1 day).

WoWo let's go!

I have managed to provisionally book a field at the fabulous Wapsbourne Manor Farm campsite ('WoWo'), just north of Chailey, for the weekend of **23rd - 25th July 2010** for a Lewes New School family camp-out. (I know it seems a long way off, but the place is getting booked up already.)

It's a laid back place, as many of you know, with tyre swings and woods, campfires and a stream to paddle in. Have a look at the website www.wowo.co.uk.

There is a minimum stay of 2 nights (Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th) and the total cost (for 2 nights) is £20 per adult and £10 per child (4-16 years). Dogs are £5.

In order to secure the booking I need your commitment right now! (I also need a deposit of 50% in the next week so please leave cash or a cheque made payable to C. Walker in the office). You can email me on gian.walker@mac.com or text me on 07733 398599. Friends are welcome too. Let's make it happen!
Charlotte (Isla & Madeline)

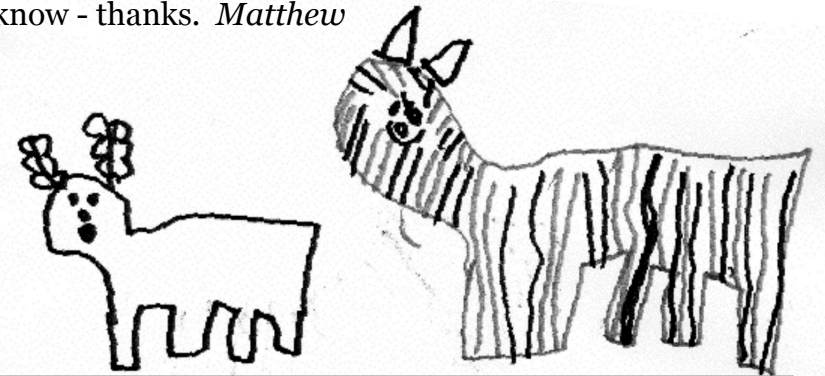
Landed? Titled?

LNS could receive FULL funding to site a wind turbine on a piece of land. We can't have the turbine on the school grounds as the site is not suitable. If you know anyone who has a scrap of land that would be suitable and is prepared to give LNS the title to that land please let Matthew know ASAP!

On the scrounge again...

We now have a replacement amplifier from e-bay, writes our co-head, but our speakers are also defunct! If you have a pair kicking around that would fit onto the hall windowsills please let me know - thanks. *Matthew*

Orya (Class 1)



Communication Skills for Parents

The next two-day workshop dates are Saturdays Jan 30th and Feb 13th, 10am – 4pm at Lewes New School. As well as learning simple communication principles and skills to use at home, this workshop provides an understanding of how things are done with the children at school, so new parents may find it especially useful.

The cost is £200, discounts for couples. Pick up a flyer and booking form from the office, and if you would like more information grab me in the playground or call me on 01273 471783 and I would be happy to have a chat. *Stephanie*

Eco tip #2

*If your house isn't full of them already, a giant retailer near you is currently selling **3 energy saving bulbs for £1**. Don't forget to recycle the old low energy bulbs as they contain useful, but environmentally damaging, mercury. Up to 99.98% of the mercury can be extracted and re-used! Also check out other low energy bulbs, including super long lasting very low energy LED bulbs at www.EcoFriendlyLightBulbs.co.uk.*