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Newsletter — Friday, 17th March Issue No: 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all those who were able to meet with your child's class teachers last week. It was lovely to see so many of you and I do hope the meetings were beneficial.

Science Week

The children have been busy this week investigating sensational science across the school. I hope that many of you were able to come in this afternoon to see the children's work.

NSPCC visit

On Monday, 6th March, the NSPCC visited the school to give an assembly to each Key Stage about staying safe and how to encourage positive friendships. Thank you to everyone who dressed in green to support 'Go Green For Buddy'. The NSPCC will return next academic year for some additional workshops in Key Stage Two.

Red Nose Day

This week you will have reveived a letter with details about how we intend to raise money for Red Nose Day next Friday, 24th March. Please start collecting your change now!

Sainsbury's Sports Vouchers

Please continue to collect the Sainsbury's Sports Vouchers as we will use them to purchase sporting equipment.

Car Park

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all parents who use the car park at the beginning and end of day to park safely and considerately. We are increasingly concerned about the safety of the children being dropped off and collected and having to walk through the car park where some users are not parking responsibly. Thank you for your co-operation.

Information Evenings for Year One Phonics Check, Year Two SATS and Year Six SATS and PGL

Please see dates below for information evenings for Year One Phonics, Year Two SATS and Year Six SATS and PGL. At these meetings teachers will share key information and answer any questions about these statutory assessments. During the Phonics meeting, Year One children are welcome to wait with Mr Paterson in the Year Two classroom, and similarly during the Year Two SATS meeting, Year Two children are welcome to wait with Miss Mackinnon in the Year One classroom. Year Six pupils may attend the Year Six SATS meeting with their parents. We hope that as many of you can attend as possible.



Many of you will be familiar with the Patina Parade which has become very much part of the Lewesian cultural calendar. The Moving On Parade is a celebration of local children's transition from primary to secondary school. Workshops in carnival arts take place in Year Six classrooms in the area to create a stunning moving tide of sculptures, costumes and music through town (this year on July 7th). The parade is followed by a party for the year six children in The Paddock and swimming at Pells Pool.

There is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes to raise money to make the day memorable and spectacular. All of our children can be part of this. This year the theme of the parade is "Wonders of our World". Children are asked to think of what these wonders could be and to submit ideas that might be part of the parade. Children from any year group or anyone from the local community can go the town hall where there is a place where you can submit your idea. Look out for little ceramic figures hidden by the team at Patina around Lewes. They are little travellers . . . Maybe with a backpack or a pair of binoculars.

There are two upcoming events to raise money. On the 22nd April there is an event called "Dance Your Socks Off" - an evening of fun learning to dance Flamenco, Bhangra and Sirtaki with dance teachers. An international evening to celebrate the international theme of the parade for all the family. There will be international nibbles and drinks. The evening starts at 7pm and finishes at 11.30pm, and is at St Mary's Centre, Christie Road Lewes. Tickets are available from Kings Framers on Lewes High Street, Si's Sounds on Station Street or from the Year Six Parent Reps, Robyn Adams or Beth Miller in the playground. £8 for adults and £5 for children.

Next is the Patina Dream Team Football Tournament, 4.30 - 7.30 pm, Thursday May 4th at Lewes FC. You are invited to register a team for our Year 5 and 6 football festival. 15 teams have the chance to compete for the Patina Cup and medals. Teams consist of 7 players with at least 2 boys and 2 girls in each team. The entry fee will be £3 per player and teams will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Please note that this is not an inter school competition and teams can be made up of friends from any school. Due to the date Patina is inviting team names to be Star Wars related - "May the Fourth be with you". To register, email your team name to patinalewes@gmail.com. The closing date for receipt of final forms is Friday April 21st.

News from Oak Class

Year Six started Science Week with an experiment to highten certain senses as sight was removed. The children wore blindolds and were directed around the classroom in partners, discussing senses as they moved. Year Six have also learned about the sense of light by investigating how light travels through water, as part of their work on 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children for receiving the Head Teacher's certificate and cup this week:



Matilda, Heath and Kitty



Elsa, Jack and Rowan



Clara, Amelie and Shem



Liberty, Charlie and Gus



Elsa

Key Dates

Assembly and Newsletter Times and Dates

Please note the dates for Headteacher Assemblies have had to change this year to accommodate Class Assemblies to parents and yoga on Fridays. Please see below the Fridays on which these assemblies will take place.

Friday, 17th March

Newsletter Headteacher Assembly Year Two Assembly to parents Newsletter

Headteacher Assembly

Newsletter Headteacher Assembly Newsletter Year One Assembly to parents

Reception Assembly to parents Headteacher Assembly Newsletter Headteacher Assembly

Newsletter Final Headteacher Assembly

<u>Term 4</u>

Year Six SATS and PGL Comic Relief End of Term 4

<u>Term 5</u>

Bank Holiday Start of Term 5 Year One Phonics meetings Year Two SATS meeting May Day Bank Holiday SATS Week PGL Week (Year Six) Final Inset Day (end of Term 5)

<u>Term 6</u>

Start of Term 6 Maths Week Healthy Eating Week Year Six play End-of-year reports go home Open Classrooms Sports Day Year Six Graduation End of Term 6 Friday, 31st March, 2.30pm in Hall Friday, 31st March Friday, 28th April, 3.00pm in Hall Friday, 5th May Friday, 12th May, 3.00pm in Hall Friday, 19th May Friday, 19th May, 2.30pm in Hall

Friday, 24th March, 3.00pm in Hall

Friday, 9th June, 2.30pm in Hall Friday, 16th June, 3.00pm in Hall Friday, 23rd June Friday, 30th June, 3.00pm in Hall

Friday, 7th July Friday, 14th July, 3.00pm in Hall

Thursday, 23rd March, 3.30pm in Year Six classroom Friday, 24th March Friday, 31st March

Monday, 17th April Tuesday, 18th April Tuesday, 18th April, 3.30pm in Year One classroom Thursday, 20th April, 3.30pm in Year Two classroom Monday, 1st May 8th May to 12th May 15th May to 19th May Friday 26th May

Monday, 5th June 19th June to 23rd June 3rd July to 7th July Thursday, 13th July, 7pm in Hall Friday, 14th July Monday, 17th July, 3.30pm – 4.30pm informal drop-ins Tuesday, 18th July (children can go home after noon register) Wednesday, 19th July, 6pm in Hall Friday, 21st July (after ice-cream van)