



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a busy term ahead of us with many events and activities taking place. This newsletter will give dates for your diary - please note: some have had to change because of clashes with other events. There is also information which we hope will be useful to you for the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about things coming up, please ask - there are various ways to contact us:

- Through Dojo to your child's class teacher
- Through the office 01234 359128 or office@ursulataylor.bedssch.co.uk
- through the parent link staff member on the playground in the morning - usually Mrs Morrall or Ms Hall.

We hope you enjoy the Summer Term ahead!

School Uniform

We are about to enter the warmer weather (we hope) where the weather will get warmer and we can all enjoy the sunshine.

Grey shorts are of course, welcome, as are summer dresses and jumpsuit style uniform - they must be red gingham check please. Socks are required to be white / black or grey. Plain black school shoes are required.

Please can you make sure that children who have long hair have it tied back and that the bands / clips used are small, plain and not decorative hair bands / bows etc.

All children will require a swimming costume for the second half of the summer term. (Exact date to be determined and weather dependent)

(Swimming Bag, Towel, Costume, flip flops / old shoes for walking to the pool - Please note: children do not need their own buoyancy aids as we have them in school)

Further information later in this newsletter...

School Dinners

School Dinner prices remain the same as before Easter.

Year R, 1 and 2 have free meals.

Year 3 meals are £2.10 each

Year 4, 5 and 6 meals are £2.20 each.

Children who receive Free School Meals are also eligible for Pupil Premium. If you think you are eligible, please see Miss Daley who can get you registered.



Diary dates and future events



9.5.19 SEN Coffee Morning

w/b 13.5.19 Y6 SATs week

17.5.19 Y6 Fun Day

21.5.19 Y4 Frontier Centre parents meeting 3:45pm and 6pm

23.5.19 Y6 Summit Centre parents meeting 3:45pm and 6pm

w/b 27.5.19 HALF TERM

7.6.19 SPORTS DAY

12.6.19 Yr 7 Lincroft Information evening (For details please phone Lincroft)

13.6.19 7pm Foundation New Intake Parents evening (Hall)

21.6.19 Reports come home. End of Year assessments for YR, Y2 and Y6 will come home later once they have been validated. Reports will contain Teacher Assessments, next steps and general comments as usual.

w/b 24.6.19 Y6 Residential to Summit Centre.

2.7.19 **NEW DATE** Parent Consultation 3:30 - 5:30pm - This is optional and for those parents who wish to have an appointment following the Annual Reports coming home. If you wish to have an appointment, you will be required to make the appointment directly with your child's teacher, this can be done nearer to the time through Class Dojo, speaking to the Teacher or phoning the school office.

3/4/5 July Y4 Residential to Frontier Centre

3.7.19 F Stage new intake visit with parents 1:30 - 3:00pm.

9th and 10th July - Y6 Transition Days to Lincroft when we have details, we will let you know.

Also, we have our internal transition days where your children will move up to their new class for 2 full days. Our new Foundation intake will also be in for 2 days. You will be notified of your child's new class and Teacher/s as soon as the decisions have been finalised.

10.7.19 - 3:40 - 4:30pm Meet the Teacher - come into school to see what your child has been doing for Transition and meet the class teacher/s that your child will have next year.

11.7.19 **NEW DATE** Proms on the field 1:45pm start. Information to follow shortly... Apologies about the date change, the original clashed with Y4 residential.

17.7.19 2pm Y6 ONLY - Leaver's Service. Clapham Church.

Also: Y6 Parents, there will also be another evening event in the Summer Term - we are currently planning and date and we will let you know as soon as it is agreed.

19.7.19 LAST DAY OF TERM - Whole School Mufti Day.

Summer Club: Please speak to Mrs Mulholland / Mrs Harte for more information.

Week 1: Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July

Week 2: Monday 29th July - Friday August 2nd

NB: Year 7 Uniform Fittings, visits etc. Unfortunately we don't have the information about when these things are. They all came home in packs which came directly to you from Lincroft. If you have questions about when things are, please contact Lincroft who will be happy to help you.

Swimming

We are due to start swimming at school straight after the Half Term Holiday. This is however, dependent on the weather and receiving the all clear from the water analysis tests.

Swimming and preparing for the season takes a lot of time and resources and sadly has a significant cost which we manage through donations and make up the shortfall through the school budget.

Our wonderful PTFA donate on an annual basis to support the pool, which is enormously helpful in covering some of the costs associated with it. We are also fortunate to have Mr Partridge who is qualified as a pool operator. He has already been getting the pool up and running in readiness for the season ahead.

In order to operate the pool there are a wide of things to get ready prior to opening:

- Pool de-winterisation and deep cleaning
- Ordering all the chemicals / equipment required for the season
- Booking water chemical analysis tests prior to opening and after the first month of use
- Servicing the boiler and maintaining the fabric of the pool
- Training all Teachers with their annual CPR / Resuscitation and also reviewed the School procedures
- Timetabling 14 classes to have 2 sessions a week each, including altering staff support around the school have at least 3 people poolside for all sessions... Not very easy - and where we desperately need your help!
- Writing / Updating the 'Normal Operating Procedure' , 'Emergency Action Plan' and the 'Swimming Pool Risk Assessment'
- Planning who will test the water quality, temperature and PH at intervals during the day.

As you can see, having a pool is a huge commitment, from all staff, Governors PTFA and our volunteer helpers.

It is a particularly challenging to finance in this current school funding climate - even with the donation from the PTFA. Our budget is extremely tight going forward and we simply do not have the budget to run the pool. Therefore, we are again asking for a donation of £14 PER FAMILY to support the maintenance, running costs and management of the pool. This equates to £2 a week for the half term.

We will set up a payment on Scopay where donations can be made. You can pay this in chunks, perhaps £2 a week, or pay the £14 upfront. If you have more than 1 child - you only need to make the payment against one of them, Mrs Owen will make sure that Scopay is updated to reflect this.

We also really need helpers to be available for each swim session - we cannot swim without at least 3 people poolside (F Stage this is more). The attached timetable shows when each class will swim, please see if you or a family member can commit to helping each week. This is hugely helpful to us all. The Teachers will be responsible for Teaching and also Poolside First Aid / rescue etc. - so please do not worry about that. All Teachers support helpers to know their role and what our policies and procedures are.

If you can help - please, please, please speak to your class teacher. Please note: Children will not be able to swim if they are wearing earrings.

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