

24 April 2015

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Secondary Transfer Admissions Arrangements 2015/16

You may already be aware that the Lewisham Mayor and Cabinet have decided not to continue with Y5 banding tests this year and therefore there will be **no banding assessments** for our Y5 children this term. We will of course continue to make teacher assessments within school as usual.

Parents and carers of current Y5 children are advised to look at the admissions criteria for secondary schools on the local borough websites (eg Lewisham, Greenwich, Bexley, Bromley) to find out how to apply for the schools of their choice. Please ask if you would like any further advice or support.

Year 2 Ruby Class

This morning Ruby Class parent Victoria Flint came in to teach the children some songs from the Victorian musical 'Oliver'. The children had great fun singing and dancing along.

Residential School Journey

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to our meetings this week to talk about next year's Y6 School Journey to The Isle of Wight. Please contact our Deputy, Kate Porter, or Miss Fulya in the School Business Office if you would like any further information.

Next year we are also planning to introduce a new, shorter residential opportunity for our Y5 children. Meetings about this are on Thursday 30 April at

3.30pm and 6pm for current Y4 parents and carers.

Clubs

There are a few spaces available in the following clubs:

Fitness:

Ys 1-3 (Tues am) Ys 4-6 (Wed am)

Music Theatre

Ys 4-6 (Wed pm)

...all at £27 for 9 remaining lessons

Please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part.

Dates for your diary

24 April KS2 Disco 7 – 8.30pm

30 April Meeting for Y4 parents and carers about School Journey (in Y5)

3.30pm and 6pm

11 May KS2 SATs week (Year 6)

19 May and 3 June Full Governing Body Meetings

21 May KS1 Choir at the Hither Green Festival 6pm

25 – 29 May Half term

1 June INSET DAY

6 June Brindishe Schools' Fun Run

9 June Open Day 9.15am and 5pm

16 June Y6 Able Writers' Workshop with Tony Bradman

20 June KS2 Choir at Manor House Gardens Festival

1 July KS2 choir at Royal Festival Hall Massed Choirs Gala

With best wishes for a lovely weekend – a bit cooler, but perfect for Marathon runners!

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

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KEY STAGE 2 DISCO - This evening **[7 – 8.30pm](#)**

Please ensure that your child brings their ticket with them for the disco this evening. Children must be accompanied to and from the disco by an adult. If you are collecting someone else's child at the end of the disco, please make sure you inform one of the staff present when you drop off.

SUMMER FAIR - Saturday 11th July

Planning begins in the next couple of weeks for the Summer Fair. We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas, or if you can lend a hand in preparations and/or on the day. Please email us at

brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com.

We hope to have the date for an open meeting in next week's newsletter.

GET INVOLVED!

Many thanks to those of you who responded to our requests for volunteers in last week's newsletter. We are looking for more parents and carers to join the PSFA team. The more the merrier! This year we have shared each of the key roles (eg Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) in order to prevent any of them becoming too arduous for each person. We are specifically looking for 2 new people to take up the co-vice chair positions, as Louise Grace is stepping down and Amanda Greenwood and her family are moving to Canada. We thank them both for all their efforts this year. Please contact us if you would like to be involved, or to explore what's involved.

Have a great weekend!