



Ashmead
Primary School



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14th December 2012

Dates for the diary

17th Dec: KS1 Christmas show (2.30)

18th Dec: KS2 Christmas show (9.30) and EYFS Nativity (2.30)

19th Dec: Reception classes to the pantomime at Albany Theatre

19th Dec: KS2 Christmas Parties

21st Dec: Last day of term

24th Dec - 4th Jan (inc): Christmas Holidays

7th Jan: INSET Day (school closed to children)

15th Jan: Open Morning for prospective parents: 10 am

11th Jan: Y4 Cake Sale

11th Jan: Y2 to Maritime Museum

25th Jan: Y2 to Maritime Museum

1st Feb: Y1 Cake Sale

5th Feb: Y5 trip to Deptford Creek

18th - 22nd Feb (inc) Half term holiday

25th Feb - 1st March: 'Take One Picture' Week

26th Feb: Astrodome (Planetarium) visiting Key Stage 2 classes

1st March: Y2R Cake Sale

7th March: World Book Day

8th March: Y4 trip to Museum of Docklands

19th March: Nursery trip to Planetarium

21st March: Parent-Teacher Meetings

26th March: Parent-Teacher Meetings

29th March - 12th April (inc) Easter Holiday

Christmas Shows

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Christmas shows and productions next week.

The Key Stage 1 production 'Aliens Crash Christmas' (for children in Y1 and 2) will be on Monday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

The Key Stage 2 show (Y3 - Y6) is on Tuesday morning at 9.30 a.m.



The EYFS Nativity (children in Nursery and Reception) is on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

There are no tickets or costs for these shows but entry will be granted on a first come first served basis.

Clubs



Thanks to those who have come up with some ideas or contacts for future clubs. We are hoping to start some new clubs in 2013. The ideas so far include a homework club, French club, cookery club and other clubs involving trained coaches offering tennis or dance.

The majority of our clubs are run by staff volunteering their time before, during or after the school day. We would also love for any parents to volunteer their time so we can offer more activities to your children. If you can spare some time we would really appreciate it so please leave your name at the office with an idea or thoughts of how we can expand our club provision.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Beryl from our nursery is moving on to pastures new after Christmas. We thank her for all her work in nursery and wish her good luck for the future. We will soon have two new faces in the nursery. A new nursery nurse to replace Beryl and also an additional teaching assistant to support the children's learning. We will appoint for these posts before the end of term.

Lost learning time

In the last fortnight we have lost 21 hours and 56 minutes in learning.

These are our lost minutes of learning time this fortnight.

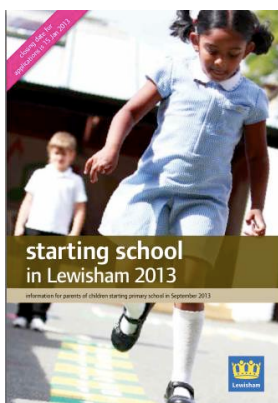
Reception F: 58 minutes lost
 Reception L: 47 minutes lost
 Year 1: 2 hours 52 minutes lost
 Year 2H: 1 hour 55 minutes lost
 Year 2R: 5 hours 35 minutes lost
 Year 3: 1 hour 4 minutes lost
 Year 4: 3 hours 38 minutes lost
 Year 5: 3 hours 28 minutes lost
 Year 6: 1 hour 39 minutes lost



time counts
making more time
for learning

Applications for a Reception Place in 2013

Have you got a child who is due to start Reception Class in September 2013 (born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009)?

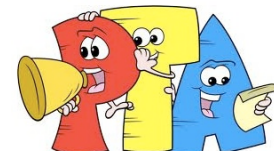


If so remember you need to complete a common transfer form between now and 15th January 2013, **even if they already attend our Nursery.**

The forms and a Starting School booklet are available from our school office or any other Lewisham primary school. You can also view the booklet online [here](#).

Please make sure you apply in good time so your child doesn't lose the chance of a place at the school of your choice.

PTA news



We had our PTA annual general meeting this week and have now elected a new committee to take on the work of the Parent-Teacher Association for the next year.

The new committee is as follows: Kirstie Taylor (Chair), Doug Jenkinson (Treasurer), Committee members - Ellie Brignell-Cash, Karen Craughwell, Faye Howard, Sarah Reed, Vicky and Joe Wollen. The post of secretary has not yet been filled but will be taken on in acting capacity by a committee member.

If you would like to help with PTA events you might be interested in becoming a class rep helping to involve the different parents in your child's class. See a PTA member for more details of how you can become involved.

Thanks to the outgoing PTA committee for all their hard work.

Sickness bug

Several of our children have become ill with a stomach and vomiting bug recently. This seems to be a highly contagious bug which we don't want to spread further. No one wants to be ill over Christmas!

If your child has been sick, please keep them at home for at least 24 hours after the sickness. This should give you assurance that they are well enough to return to school and cope with the demands of a full school day and hopefully will stop the bug spreading further round the school.



Thanks for your support.

Governor News



Goodbye and Welcome!

Many thanks to Andrew Brown and Anne Cayenne, who have been active and committed parent governors for the last four years, making a positive contribution within meetings and through visits to the school, and have now come to the end of their term of office.



A warm welcome to our 2 new parent governors Harriet Becher and Rebecca Hallam! It was a good election turnout and a close contest between three very worthy candidates. Harriet brings vital expertise from her role at the Department for Education, and previous work in children's charities and an excellent link with our nursery parents. Rebecca is well known in the school for her work with the PTA, has great links within the school community, and also brings useful experience from her previous involvement in other committees and children's clubs within the wider local community. Both are very approachable and keen to communicate with you, so do introduce yourselves when you see them about.



Also a warm welcome to Odina Nzegwu who will be joining us as a new Community governor from February and brings very relevant skills and experience in working with speech language and communication needs, and with inclusion in mainstream primary schools in Greenwich. She is also very friendly and approachable and you will hopefully get to meet her at future school events. Thank you on behalf of all the governors for all the support you have all given the school this year. We hope you have a very happy Christmas!

Carolyn Mumby
Chair of Governors