



Dates for the diary

1st Feb: Y4 class assembly - 9.30 and Y1 Cake Sale - 3.30

5th Feb: Y5 trip to Deptford Creek

8th Feb: Y5 class assembly - 9.30/
Reception classes trip to Unicorn Theatre

15th Feb: Y6 class assembly - 9.30

18th - 22nd Feb (inc) Half term

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

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

27th Feb: Reception classes visiting national Gallery (am)/Dentist in visiting Reception and Y1 (pm)

28th Feb: Y6 visiting Science Museum

1st March: Y1 class assembly - 9.30 and Y2H Cake Sale - 3.30

7th March: World Book Day

8th March: Y2H class assembly - 9.30

15th March: Y4 trip to Museum of Docklands/Y6 to Museum of London

15th March: Y3 class assembly - 9.30

19th March: Nursery trip to Planetarium

21st March: Parent-Teacher Meetings

22nd March: Y2R class assembly - 9.30 and Y6 end of year celebrations fundraising cake sale

26th March: Parent-Teacher Meetings

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

19th April: Nursery cake sale

24th - 26th April: Y4 School Journey

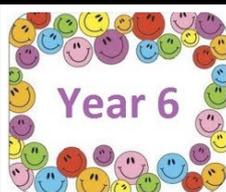
10th May: Y6 end of year celebrations fundraising Book Sale

Clubs and extra-curricular activities

We have a number of new clubs this term - see the timetable below.

Day	Before school	During the day	After school
Mon	Early drop off: R - Y6	Jackanory Story club	Football: Year 3 and 4
Tues	Early drop off: R - Y6	Drums: Y3 - Y6 Choir (whole class)	Choir: Y1 - Y6 Brownies (6.00 - 7.30 pm)
Wed	Early drop off: R - Y6	Knitting: Y4 - 6 (lunchtime)	French Club: Reception - Y2 Laban Dance: Y3 - Y5 Booster club: Y6
Thurs	Early drop off: R - Y6 Ukulele: Y4 Table tennis club: Y6	Ukulele: Y3 (whole class) Harmonica: Y3 - Y6	Streetdance: Reception - Y3 Filmclub: Y3- Y5 Booster club: Y6
Fri	Early drop off: R - Y6	Knitting: Y4 - 6 (lunchtime) Clarinet and Flute:	Cricket: Y5 and 6 Gymnastics: Y1 - Y6

We are constantly striving to offer a range of extra-curricular activities that a number of children can access. All clubs during the day are provided at no cost (individual instrument tuition is charged) and after school clubs are charged at a nominal fee. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you would like to apply for a subsidised or free place at a club then please see the office, Jane or Sean.



Y6 end of year celebrations

It seems a long way off at the moment but time is flying by quickly and our Y6 children and families are already thinking about how to celebrate the huge milestone of finishing primary school. Some parents are planning an end of term party for the whole class and have decided to do a couple of fundraising events to help fund this.

There is a Y6 cafe/cake sale planned for Friday 22nd March in addition to a book sale planned for Friday 10th May. Look out for posters about both events nearer the time.

Lost learning time

We have missed a whopping 37 hours and 2 minutes of school time in the last fortnight. We know this might be down partly to the snow so thank you to all those who made the effort to be at school on time, especially those staff who had a long journey to school. These are our lost minutes of learning time this fortnight.

Reception F: 1 hour 59 minutes lost
 Reception L: 1 hour 59 minutes lost
 Year 1: 2 hours 16 minutes lost
 Year 2H: 2 hours 38 minutes lost
 Year 2R: 5 hours 56 minutes lost
 Year 3: 3 hours 5 minutes lost
 Year 4: 6 hours 37 minutes lost
 Year 5: 5 hours 46 minutes lost
 Year 6: 6 hours 2 minutes lost



Blog and website

We were lucky enough to have some further training on using our blog and website this week. Thanks to one of our parent governors, Luke, who has worked so hard on this. We are hoping to expand the use of the website to include more children's work and also more 'blurb' to accompany the photos. We also love hearing your comments and it is a great interactive way for you to be able to comment and leave feedback about your child's life at school. There is an opportunity to comment at the end of each article, you just need to have an email address. Why not check out the latest news here: <http://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/>

Contact details/snow updates

Please also keep an eye on the website for any updates if we have any extreme weather. We will always do our very best to stay open and it is unlikely that we would ever have to close. Please check if we have your correct contact details, as although we emailed and texted everyone we still had numerous phone calls to ask if we were open so let us know if your details have changed. Thanks.



Save our A&E!

As many of you will be aware there are plans to close the new accident and emergency unit - including children's A&E - at Lewisham Hospital. Intensive care, children's wards and emergency medical wards could also close.



How can you show your support to save the hospital?

Tomorrow (Saturday 26th) there is a planned demonstration and march leaving from Lewisham roundabout, gathering at 12 noon. This will end in a rally at Mountsfield Park in Catford. If you can't make the march, you might want to sign the petition. Click [here](#) for the link.

Once they have gone, we will never get these services back so it's really important to act now.

A group of parents and children are leaving from St Johns tomorrow around 11.45 am. Feel free to come with banners and whistles and dressed as nurses, surgeons or the walking wounded!

There are many stories about this in the news, it is even making national press now so please show your support before it's too late...

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2013/jan/24/protest-plans-shut-lewisham-hospital>

Local events

Fancy something different to do this Sunday? There are two events on at Hillyfields [this Sunday](#).

The 'Big Bird Watch' is taking place between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. As well as taking part in the world's biggest bird survey, children can also make bird feed garlands and take part in craft activities.

Then later in the afternoon, as the sun begins to set, the Friends of Hilly Fields will be holding their third Wassail, you are invited to join them from 4pm for this social event to wish the trees good health and a bountiful harvest!



Governor News



Governors have been planning and holding meetings in the 3 **new committees**, Resources, Curriculum and Achievement and Children Families and Communities. We restructured our committees last term to strengthen our focus on each of these particular areas. **Resources committee** met this week, looking at finance, staffing, and the school building. It's our job to oversee how these resources are being deployed responsibly and effectively and in support of the strategic direction that we have agreed.

Luke Ashton, one of the parent governors, and the Vice-chair of the Governing body has continued to improve our new website, and has been training some of us in how to upload information. We want to maintain the website as a vibrant and useful place for parents and carers to visit. It also provides an excellent archive of aspects of the children's creativity learning and achievement.

There is a lot to take in as a new governor so we have arranged an **induction** for our 2 new parent governors (Harriet and Rebecca) and our new community governor (Odina) which includes lots of documents to read as well as the opportunity to meet with Luke and I and each other, and with Sean if they are unfamiliar with the school. They are also booking onto induction training with other Lewisham Governors. We are really delighted to have them on board with all their different experiences talents and skills.

Carolyn Mumby
Chair of Governors