

Dates for the diary

- 29th June:** EYFS Sports Afternoon from 2pm
- 29th June:** Y1 trip to Maritime Museum
- 29th June:** PTA disco (KS1 and KS2) from 6pm
- 3rd July:** Reception 2 trip to Woodlands Farm
- 3rd July:** Ukulele, guitar, drumming and choir showcase for parents of Y4 and Y5 children - 2.45pm
- 4th July:** Reception 1 trip to Woodlands Farm and Y5J trip to Greenwich Planetarium
- 5th July:** New Reception children visiting classes (from 2pm) and Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 6pm
- 9th July:** Nursery trip to Woodlands Farm
- 10th July:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 7.30pm
- 11th July:** Y50 trip to Greenwich Planetarium
- 12th July:** Y4 trip to Wellcome Exhibition
- 17th July:** Y6 Production - 7pm
- 20th July:** Last day of term and Y6 Leavers' open morning and assembly - from 9am

INSET Days - 3rd and 4th Sept

- 5th Sept:** Children return to school
- 10th Sept:** Reception and Nursery to start/return to school (*staggered start*)

Attendance

Our whole school attendance (excluding nursery) dropped again over the last two weeks to a very disappointing 93.22%, well below our whole school target of 96%. The end of term brings with it lots of fun activities as well as the usual learning so please do ensure that your child doesn't miss out. If your children are to make the most progress that they are capable of then they need to be in school **everyday!**

The class attendance figures for last week were:

- Year 2: 96.33%
- Year 3: 95.2%
- Year 4: 94.14%
- Reception 2: 93.1%
- Year 5J: 92.87%
- Reception 1: 92.59%
- Year 5O: 92.33%
- Year 1: 91.38%
- Year 6: 91.07%



Expansion

As you will probably know from our blog post and update, the plans for the building for the expansion are now on Lewisham's website as part of a re-consultation that Lewisham are running regarding this. The size and location of the building has not changed but the look of the Lewisham Way elevation has. If you would like to see paper copies of the online plans they will be available to view this Thursday from 8.45 - 9.30am. Do drop by if you'd like to see printed copies or view them online [here](#). (or search for 'Lewisham planning')

School Disco

The most anticipated event of the school calendar is nearly upon us - the school disco! Tickets are on sale all week after school, *thanks to all the parent volunteers for their help with this*. The disco starts for Y1 - Y3 children at 6pm and finishes at 7pm and from 7pm to 8pm for Y4 - Y6. Tickets are just £1 .



Safeguarding

To safeguard - to protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure



Anti-bullying focus: we understand bullying as hurtful behaviour, repeated over a period of time, where it is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves. We believe that those who bully others are themselves often experiencing difficulties and they are not aware of this, this sometimes being the reason why they take their anger and frustration out on others.

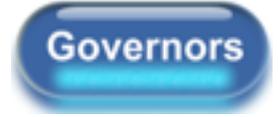
We teach the children to always report bullying to an adult and we also talk about bullying, its consequences and how to prevent it in our PSHE sessions and circle times. Discriminatory language is also often discussed in assemblies and anyone who hears it is encouraged to report it. The most important message we say to the children is to TELL. Please do encourage your child to talk to an adult at school if they are worried about anything, particularly bullying. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Our current value

We are currently looking at the value of **Courage**

Governor News

One of the things we looked at in the last governing body meeting was how our SIP (school improvement plan) for the year is going. We shared our assessment with governors of which actions are on track and which actions have fallen behind. Our SIP has four key headings: Teaching and Learning (making sure the level of both support and challenge is right for children); Behaviour and Safety (helping children self-regulate); Leadership (improving our leadership capacity) and Attendance (trying to make our overall attendance at least 96%) and each heading has several actions timetabled for the academic year. We have begun thinking about next year's SIP and will share this with you all in September. One key focus will be on improving the already good behaviour at Ashmead. We have already started this following an INSET on behaviour in May. We are now working on a revised behaviour policy that will have a one-page 'behaviour blueprint' summarising our approach. This will help us reach and maintain a very high level of consistency in how all adults in school respond to behaviours. Consistency from adults is crucial in helping children to self-regulate their behaviours. We will pass on much more detailed information about this from September. The approach is based on a book which many of us have read and found very useful: *When the Adults Change, Everything Changes* by Paul Dix.



Sean O'Flynn

News from Nursery and Reception

What an exciting couple of weeks we're having in EYFS! Our twelve ducklings hatched last week and the children have been glued to the duck area, watching them grow and change. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to understand more about life cycles and processes. I have already heard some amazing scientific language and questioning like, "Where does the oxygen come from when the duckling is inside the egg?" This learning will lead really well into our visit to the farm next week.

We have also been busy practising for our sports afternoon on Friday and are now ready to really stretch our bodies in all of the different challenges; we look forward to seeing you all there!

In our outdoor classroom EYFS have been doing lots of water play, it really helps with the heat but we are changing children more than usual. Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes in their bookbag and if anyone has any old clothes at home that they could donate we would really appreciate it.

Josie Hall

News from Y1, Y2 and Y3

We have been enjoying all that this term and the brilliant weather has to offer. Y2 enjoyed the sunshine on their beach trip to Joss Bay and we all had a good time at our KS1 Sports afternoon in school last week. There was such an encouraging, team spirit on Friday so thank you to all the adults who joined us. Y1 are off for a Pirate adventure at the Maritime Museum this week so look out for some great costumes in school on Friday. Y3 enjoyed their trip to Kew Gardens and, despite the long journey home, demonstrated all of the Ashmead values and were great ambassadors for the school. With the weather set to reach highs of 30 degrees this week, please send your child to school with clothes that cover their shoulders so their skin doesn't burn and apply suncream to any exposed areas like their face and neck and ensure that hats and water bottles are named. Thanks!

Emma Dodsworth

News from Y4, Y5 and Y6

It's been another fantastic two weeks for us in Key Stage 2. Year 6 children are now beginning the preparations for their end of year production. Tickets will be available from the office for parents and will be reserved for Year 6 families. The children in Years 4 and 5 have continued to enjoy their final topics of Robots and Water respectively but the main event for us was our recent sports day at Ladywell Arena. The atmosphere, attitude and enjoyment of all the children made us all feel so proud. It was fantastic to have so many parents in attendance too. We hope you enjoyed it all as much as we did.

Andy McPartland

Inclusion News

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Over the last two weeks, the inclusion team has been having its final meetings of the year with outside agencies. We have been busy considering the new academic year and have begun to make plans for

the provision needed across the school, both from academic and pastoral perspectives. As always, if you have any Inclusion related queries, my email is dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk or as always find me in the playground.

David Fielding