



# Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,  
Next week we would like to do some fundraising to support our federation partner school in Gambia.



Our teachers in Gambia



Lunchtime at school.

Mr Jarju, the headteacher, was very grateful to everyone for making him feel so welcome when he visited Lighthorne Heath and Sydenham in November. While he was here he taught us a lot about Gambia and about his school. The school is in a village where they have no electricity, just candles for light, and where many of the children go to school purely for the free meals, because it is the only food they have during the day. Unfortunately the funding that the school has to provide the free meals is about to stop. This means that lots of the children may not attend the school anymore and it will be difficult for them to get enough food to eat. The children have to take their own paper and pencils to school and many can't afford it. We sent some books and pencils back with Mr Jarju, but we would like to help some more. We would like to buy some resources to send to the school and we'd like you to help by collecting 2ps. Can you believe that 2p can buy a full meal for a child in Gambia! Please send in any 2ps you can and we will use them to support the school. Thank you.





**Diary Dates:**

We have a few reminders this week:

School is closed for children next Friday 15th February for staff training.

The following week is half term. Monday 18th- Friday 22nd February

Children return to school on Monday 25th February.

Apology: I made a mistake in the newsletter two weeks ago; the correct dates are:

World Book Day is on Friday 8th March (children can dress as their favourite book character)

Year 4 trip to the Ashmolean Museum is on Thursday 7th March.

**Other News:**

Kayne and Phoebe, our Junior Road Safety Officers, are organising a colouring competition for the half term holidays. Please can you help us by using this as an opportunity to remind your children of road safety and personal safety issues.



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**PTA News**

Yellow moon catalogue

A yellow moon catalogue should come home tonight. All commission raised goes to the PTA. Please remember to input the unique code on the front of the catalogue with your order.

Jumble Sale

The PTA are collecting jumble for the sale on Saturday 9th March. Please bring unwanted items to the school office.

Eco

SYD, the eco robot, is in the school hall waiting to be fed used pens, biscuit wrappers (no silver lining) and tassimo cups.

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**Polite reminder: Recorder lessons cost £1 per week. Please help us by paying on the day.**

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**Bag it Bin it.....it only takes a minute! is Warwick District Council's Campaign**

Complaints about dog fouling increase at this time of year. Mess is often left near schools where it can be trodden in by children. Not only is it unpleasant, but it can lead to an infection which causes blindness. Warwick District Council are trying to combat this anti social behaviour by asking for people to report on any one not clearing up after their dog and are offering free disposable bags, which can go into any litter bin. Contact:



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**Have a lovely weekend!**

**Best wishes**

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