

Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Dear parents and carers

KS2 - Theatre Trip

A reminder re the KS2 theatre trip to the RSC in Stratford on Thursday. Yrs 3 to 6 will need to be in school for registration promptly at 8.45am as the coach leaves at 9am. The running time for the show is approx 2hrs 45mins. This means we should be leaving Stratford shortly after 4pm, returning to the school by 4.30pm. Please ensure you send a packed lunch in with your child on this day as it is an all day event. If you are entitled to free school meals please indicate on the permission slip if you wish us to order a packed lunch for your child from the kitchen. Children should wear full school uniform.

Parents evening: Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th February

Thank you to those parents that have returned their parents evening slips. You should receive notification today confirming your appointment time. If you have not returned your slip please do so as soon as possible.

After School Clubs

Please note that due to Parents Evening and the theatre trip there will be no **HOMEWORK CLUB** or **FILM CLUB** next week. All other clubs are running as normal.

Mothers Day Lunch

On Monday 31st March we will be having a special Mother's Day lunch. Mum's and Grandma's are welcome to come and join us at 12.15pm for this special lunch. We have attached the menu and order slip for you to complete and return. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sydenham Super Stars!

Congratulations to all of this week's Sydenham Super Stars! Friday 7th February 2014



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Attendance Stars

Our whole school attendance target is 97% this academic year. We can't achieve this without your support! Congratulations to Class R MB who achieved 99.3% this week - a fantastic achievement!

This week's attendance:

- Class R MB: 99.3%
- Class R AH: 95.1%
- Class 1 LC: 94.4%
- Class 1KH: 95%
- Class 2: 90.8%
- Class 3: 98.9%
- Class 4: 96%
- Class 5: 97.4%
- Class 6: 98.8%

Overall Attendance: 96.18%

Congratulations to Miss Bond's class!

Mother's Day Lunch

We have a special treat for Mum's this Mother's Day. On Monday 31st March we will be having a special Mother's Day lunch. Mum's and Grandma's are welcome to come and join us at 12.15pm for this special lunch. Lunches cost just £2.90 for adults and £2.00 for children. If you would like to join us for lunch please return the slip below with your payment on Monday. We know all you Mum's deserve a treat! Look forward to seeing you there!

Menu

Tempura Battered Fish Fillet
Chipped potatoes
 (garnished with fresh tomatoes, lemon wedges and Ketchup)
Drinks/Salad of the day

Vegetarian Menu

Broccoli & Sweetcorn Bake
 (topped with crispy sliced potatoes)
Herby Garlic Bread &
Vegetables/Salad of the day

Homemade Strawberry Slice with Custard

Mother's Day Lunch

I would like to book adult lunches. How many of these are vegetarian?

And children's lunches. How many of these are vegetarian?

for Monday 31st March and enclose the payment with this slip
 (£2.90 adults, £2.00 children)

Names and classes of children:

Signed:

Date:

Marle Hall



On Wednesday 29th January, an excited class 6 waved goodbye to their parents and set off for their annual trip to Marle Hall in Llandudno, Wales.

When we arrived we were swiftly changed into waterproofs and thermals and were taken on a forest walk around the grounds. This was then followed by tea and cake and a little chat about what the children's expectations were while they were at Marle Hall. This is what Amrita had to say in her letter when we came back:

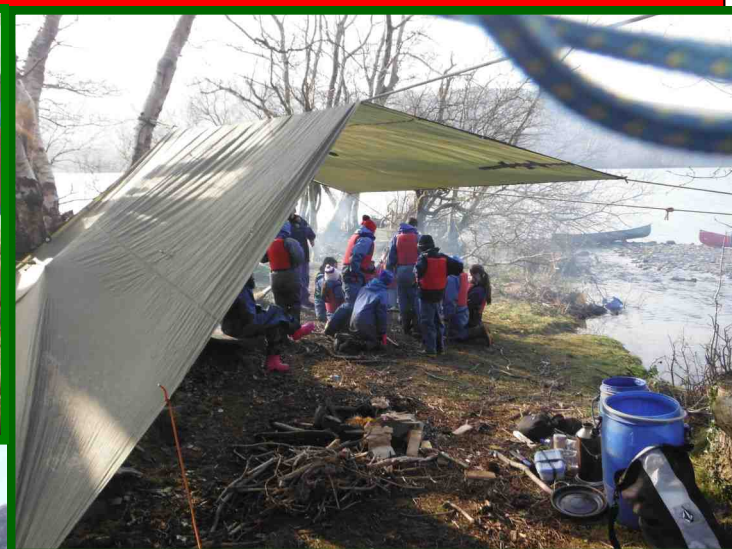
"I soon learnt that at Marle Hall, you have a lot of responsibility. There were certain things that you had to do yourself, like getting to breakfast, dinner and supper on time, and getting up with no 'wake-up call'."

Thursday was spent outside all day. And what a glorious day it was. We went canoeing and made our own fire. We rolled bread dough around a stick and cooked it – some got a bit burnt as children got a bit impatient. We also roasted marshmallows and had hot chocolate.

In the evenings we also had an activity – no resting at Marle Hall! We had a low ropes course to complete and a nightline course (obstacle course at night whilst being blindfolded and led around by your friend). Mrs Banks and Mrs Westwood thoroughly enjoyed themselves while watching the children do the nightline course – they might have told children to "duck and crawl" when they didn't have to – fun was had by all!

We had a fantastic time and I know that many memories were made on this trip. I would like to thank Mrs Westwood, Mr Murray and Mrs Thorneywork for doing such a good job of looking after the children while they were away, and for making it so enjoyable.

Mrs Banks



Gambia

Mrs Thorneywork and Mrs Mander from Lighthorne Heath spent a wonderful week at Kwinella Basic school, working with the staff and pupils. They were able to take over £500 from donations and spend it in the market on food for the school so that they could reopen the kitchen and give children a meal at lunchtime. Mrs Mander provided us with a brief report and some photos



"It was quite an experience buying sacks of rice, drums of cooking oil, salt, pepper and onions, finding a vehicle to transport these things to the school and a man to load and unload the goods. Mr Jarju the headteacher supported us in our mission and made sure we were charged a fair price. Once in Kwinella we could see evidence of how providing food not only helps the children nutritionally but also increases attendance. For some children the meal

at school is the only meal they receive. We met several parents bringing their children to register for a place after hearing about and seeing the delivery. Everyone was immensely grateful for the support we were able to provide. And would like to say thank you to Lighthorne Heath and Sydenham for their support."



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Best wishes
Juliette Westwood and Carla Matthews



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