

8th March 2019

Dear parents and carers,

World book day was fantastic this year. The costumes throughout the school were spectacular. We had so many different characters in the school on Thursday—it was lovely to see. Throughout the school on Thursday there were so many exciting reading activities such as children reading to each other, to other classes, teachers reading to other year groups and classes and we had reading assemblies to share our favourite books and authors. Thank you to everyone who dressed up and made the day such an exciting event. We hope you have enjoyed choosing books using your book token.

This coming Friday (Friday 15th) is 'Red Nose Day'. School council will be selling red noses in the playground every morning before school for £1:25. On Friday the children can participate in 'host a gig'. This is a red nose day event where the children can pay 50p to show their class their talent—this might be singing a song, juggling, showing their dance routine. We look forward to them sharing their talents with us.

Best wishes

A. George

School Term Dates

School term Dates for 2019—2020 are now available on the school website at:

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/term-dates/>

Reminder about Appointments

Please remember that it is important to try and make dentist and doctor appointments out of school hours to ensure that pupils miss the least amount of time from school as possible.



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Year 2 Letter to the House of Commons

As part of this half term's topic, Year 2 have written individual letters to our local MP (Janet Daby) to let her know about how amazing the endangered animal the Hawksbill Turtle is. They have outlined the problems they face with plastic in the ocean and have asked her for help with spreading our message re: the importance to recycle.

They have written beautifully, with a big focus on presentation! They have each drawn a picture and handwritten their own envelope.

The children received their replies from Janet Daby last week. The letters are lovely and each one was addressed to each child individually. The children were thrilled and it was really meaningful in terms of their hard work. She wrote to the class teacher too and praised the children's engagement with real world issues.



Re: Years 5 and 6 Road Safety Workshop

On Tuesday afternoon, actors came in to school to lead a session with all of our Y5/6 children. The session was both informative and amusing, and the children had a great time developing their knowledge of safety.



World Book Day



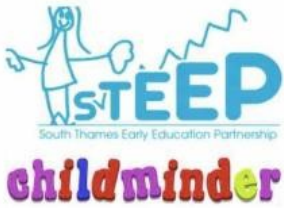
World Book Day was on Thursday 7th March. There were some wonderful costumes and everyone enjoyed the activities and assemblies that took place -such as reading to



buddies from other classes, teachers swapping classrooms to read their favourite books and so on. We all had a great day!



Childcare Courses



Introduction to Childminding Practice (May 2019)

This course is suitable for Childminders, assistants, au-pairs and nannies. On successful completion of this course, you will receive a Certificate in Basic Compulsory Homebased Childcare Training which is the qualification required at Ofsted Registration.

Book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-childminding-practice-may-2019-pay-by-instalments-tickets-52522945544>

Making the Most of my childminding Business

This course is suitable for registered childminders

On successful completion of this course, you will receive a Certificate in Basic Compulsory Homebased Childcare Training which is the qualification required at Ofsted Registration. This course is suitable for Childminders, assistants, au-pairs and nannies)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-the-most-of-my-childminding-business-may-2019-tickets-52523302612>

The Expert Parent's Guide to Childhood Anxiety

The Mental Health Educational Guides featured in the Guardian and the Telegraph recently collaborated with Action for Children and The Children's Society to produce 'The Expert Parent's Guide to Childhood Anxiety'.

The guide offers easily implemented guidance to help children with childhood anxiety. It provides parents and teachers with a straightforward structure to approach when explaining what anxiety is to children, how to recognise positive and negative feelings, how to handle these emotions and much, much more.

The guide can be found at:

<https://tutorful.co.uk/guides/the-expert-guide-to-help-your-child-with-anxiety>

Years 3 and 4 Lewisham Borough Tri-Golf Tournament - Thursday 7th March 2019



On Thursday, 10 children from years 3 and 4 participated in the tri-golf tournament held at Prendergast Ladywell School. For most of them, it was their first time representing their school at a sporting competition! Although some were quite nervous, they all had an amazing day and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. As a team, they travelled around 8 different tri-golf stations and worked together to score as many points as they could. Games included hitting cones to score points, putting the ball into a zone and chipping the ball to hit targets.

Together they scored over a thousand points for their school! To top off an incredible day, they finished the tournament in second place overall and were rewarded with silver medals. All 10 children improved on their golfing skills as well as working outstandingly well as a

team. Congratulations to all participants and a special congratulations to Aaliyah for being awarded with the "Self-Belief" sporting spirit certificate!



Red Nose Day



We will be selling red noses before school all next week. School council will be outside in the playground at 8:40 am.

To celebrate red nose day on 15th March, pupils will be able to 'host a gig'. Which means for a contribution of 50p they could sing a song, say a poem or show a dance to their class.

Last Week's Stars of the Week



Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
Nursery	Junior	5L	Kivesha
RAZ	Ariz	4N	Enzo
1KJ	Genevieve	4L	R'hema
1JB	Anayah	5L	Kivesha
2E	Olivia	5C	Ragath
3C	Caleb	6C	Krishha
3A	Mireya	6CH	Kiyanna
4N	Enzo	Lighthouse	Dalrekay
4L	R'hema		



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th March	Sharing Assemblies for RAZ and 30
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
18th—22nd March	Whole School Assessment Week
Wednesday 20th March	Sharing Assembly for RS
Wednesday 27th March	Sharing Assembly for RE
Friday 29th March	Whole School Coffee Morning 9:00am
1st—7th April	World Autism Awareness Week
Wednesday 3rd April	Sharing Assemblies for 2E, 3C and 5A
Friday 5th April	Diversity Day
Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term

Year 1 Trip to the Library

Year 1's trip to the library this week:



Ringworm and Head Lice

There have been some cases of ringworm and head lice in Nursery and Reception.

Ringworm

The signs and symptoms, mode of transmission and incubation period are as follows:

Signs and Symptoms: A fungal disease of the scalp and skin characteristically appearing as a flat red ring-shaped lesion spreading over scalp, feet or body.

Mode of Transmission: Direct contact with skin lesions of infected person; contact with contaminated articles of clothing.

Incubation Period: Usually 4 to 10 days.

Should your child present any of these symptoms, we recommend that you consult your family healthcare provider.

Any student presenting lesions will need to stay home from school. Students must have a note from a healthcare provider stating they are under treatment and lesions must be covered in order to return to school.

Head Lice

While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far.

As there has been an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible. Follow the simple [CHECK, TREAT, COMPLETE](#) routine below to ensure you are doing your bit to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

Your child's hair once a week. Use a proper nit detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. A good way to do this is smother your child's hair with conditioner and then comb through with the nit comb. It's more comfortable for the child, and easier to spot the nits. If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice. If head lice are spotted, take a close look at all the family, including yourself and ask close family and friends to check as well.

TREAT

Only treat if live lice are identified. Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread. If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them. You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies or supermarkets.

COMPLETE

Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the first to kill any lice that may hatch from eggs during that time, if the pack instructions specify that a second application is required. Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.