

Lunch Menu

Monday

Wednesday **Class 2's you choose meal**
Tapas: Garlic mushrooms/ Chocolate fudge cake
Olives/garlic bread/salad

Friday

Farmer's Market - Volunteers needed to help drum up support for the Summer Festival on July 4th - see Dahlan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 30	8.50am Swimming 3.15 Multi sports
Weds 1	2.30 Summer Festival meeting in QR all welcome
Fri 3	Reports out to parents

Sat 4 12.30 - 4pm SUMMER FESTIVAL

JULY

Mon 6th **PARENT CONSULTATION WEEK** [late evening Weds]
Tues 7th **PATINA** artist working with Y6
Weds 8th 2.15 'The Water Show' by Class 1, in the Hall
Thurs 9th Late evening parent consultations
Fri 10th 1.30pm Trustees Meeting
Patina Parade [Y6]
Mon 13th Dance Performance rehearsal at Lewes Leisure Centre
Tues 14th Lewes Schools Dance Performance at Roedean [Y4&5]
Weds 15th 11am Leavers Assembly
12 noon **BREAK UP** Picnic in the Park

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I've found it hard to tell this week whether my 5 year old daughter is a) running out of steam after her first year of full time education; b) coming down with chickenpox or c) just not the kind of kid (yet) who is able to think of a morning of races as the kind of thing she could possibly look forward to. I heard her brother trying to persuade her that 'it's not the winning that counts but rather the taking part', and was amused to think of how satisfying it must be for him to at last find meaning in words that have repeatedly been offered to him but so far made no sense.

As with all that goes on at school we do of course expect all the children to take part in our sports day. Had our play not been sadly interrupted by rain, we knew that some would enjoy it more than others and we also knew that some who thought it wasn't for them might have discovered unexpected enthusiasm and success. Taking risks, getting it wrong, accepting challenge, as most of us grown-ups know, are paradoxically what can lead us to the making of progress and the achieving of success.

With that in mind I'd like you to know that my own intention *not* to take part in this year's races is entirely unavoidable. Determined to improve on my dismal performance at last year's sports day I did attempt some cross country running earlier in the year. Alas my inexperience (and lack of suitable shoes) led to an injury which still cramps my athletic development. In contrast to my daughter I did not receive words of encouragement from my 9 year old son, but rather a sense of relief that the challenge of watching his mother trying to make it to the finish line was one he would be spared this year.

Lizzie

Postscript: we will try to re-schedule sports day for a sunnier day in the next couple of weeks - please watch the playground board for further notice

P.A.T.I.N.A.

There will be a banner making session next Tuesday 30th June between 6 and 9pm at the old Harvey's Depot [next to the station].

This is an opportunity for interested parents and teachers of Y6 pupils taking part in the parade to make a beautiful banner that will help all those watching to identify the school.

The workshop is free. It will be led by Sharon Mee from Same Sky.

Summer festival – help!

Let us know if you can spare an hour on the day to man a stall.

In particular we are looking for skills in hair braiding... anyone up for it?

It's all hands on deck for setting up on **Friday 3rd** and on the morning of **Saturday 4th**. If you can spare some time to help we would love to see you.

..... and don't forget that cakes can be delivered to the kitchen on Friday 3rd July so get baking!

Dance festival

A **limited number of tickets** are now available from the office for parents of Y4 & 5 children for the Dance Show at Roedean School. There will be a 5pm and a 7pm performance [£4 adult/£2 child].

Would you like to take our school photo this year? It's becoming a bit of a tradition to keep the photo 'in house'. Ideally you would take the photo and organise printing so that some of the end of year pressure can be taken off the office. Let Cath or Mandi know as soon as possible.

'I remember' a poem by Class 3

I remember the joyful call of people enjoying themselves
And the brambles capturing me as I stalked through the woods
I remember the papery feel of the silver birch as we peeled off its bark.
And the rough, pasty feel of the charcoal on my face
I remember the hooting of the owl when we were sleeping echoing through
the endless labyrinth of trees
And the light smell of the fire as it tingled through my nose and slowly
grew upwards
I remember the satisfying feel of stiff mud crumpling on my face
And the sight of the flame blossoming into a fire
I remember the songs of the birds at midday and in the morning
And the soothing patter of rain on the tent at night
I remember the sight of the black adder curled up under a beam of
sunlight
And the silence when we went to find our secret place and having time
for myself
I remember the sticky feeling of sap seeping through the cracks in the
bark
And the surprisingly sweet taste of thistles
I remember the sight of beautiful pink and white orchids, their
reflections quivering in the water
I remember the calming texture of damp wood.

Behind with the bike sheds

The Grounds team has done a fantastic job with permaculture inspired plans for the future of our playground. As part of our commitment to a more sustainable future, carefully camouflaged bike racks will be an important feature. However, until we have the means to lock them up, bikes are left at school at your own risk - one did go missing when it was left at the school over a weekend. So, by all means, use your bikes to come to school – but make sure they are taken home at the end of the day.