

Lunch Menu

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| Monday | Autumn secret soup with crusty bread | Super seedy flapjacks |
| Wednesday | Class 3's you choose meal | |
| | Veggie pizza and salad | Jam tarts |
| Friday | Creamy tomato rice + apple & carrot salad | Sticky date pudding with caramel sauce |

Lewes New School Workday TOMORROW!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Mon 23 | 3.30 Pottery Club |
| Tues 24 | 11-12 Welcome morning for Nursery parents |
| Weds 25 | 10 OPEN MORNING 3.15 Yoga Club 3.15 St Pancras School here for Netball |
| Thurs 26 | 3.30 Belly Dancing 8-11pm Quiz Night [buy your ticket now!] |

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| Sat 5th | 2-5pm WINTER FAIR |
| Weds 9th | OPEN FORUM |
| Mon 14th | 5pm Christmas concert and Lantern Parade |

WINTER FAIR is a time to celebrate warmth, light, traditional craft, and community. Please look out next week for the Winter Fair volunteer notice next to the white board. If each one of us can contribute something small - bake a cake, light a lantern, flip a pancake, make paper stars, pour chai, stoke the fire, drink the wine...it will be a magical afternoon.

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The Friday Letter has punctuated my week for almost two years now - I can almost do it in my sleep – no more the exasperation of side two coming through upside down; the midnight battles with the printer; that one thing I'd been asked to be sure to include – left out; the invisible text boxes obliterating the picture painstakingly positioned; the glaring typo reproduced 60 times – how we laughed.....

This week I'm putting in the latest information about the winter fair and making sure Alex's call to arms is in bold – maybe with a black ground - the better to catch the careless eye. Everything we do as parents at this school; catching the irresistible momentum of the fairs; giving up a Saturday to hoist insulation into a draughty loft; baking or – never let it be said out loud – buying cakes the better to initiate a childstrom (*sic*); the – oh! - belly dancing!; the occasional hour listening to words read out loud; the hearing of each day's events relayed through mouthfuls of chocolate coated rice cakes; the sudden intake of breath as scooter and bike are caught a hair's breadth apart - and away; the sitting on the sleepers round the raised beds as the pink of the evening fades into a sudden twilight; everything is motivated by a child.

The flow of our school reflects this. It is with the poise of a swan to our furious paddling – the huge effort of parents and staff - that our children move with such dynamism and grace through each day.

As chair of governors my ear is tuned to the merest suggestion of an offer; a skill; a surplus to requirement laptop! We embellish our children's gift of learning and satisfy our own.

I'd love to hear your thoughts!

Jane (Wilkie)

Governors

At our meeting last Thursday we were delighted to welcome Daniel Richardson (*Oscar Y6*) as our new finance governor. Huge thanks to Charlie Dobres (*Millie & Alfie*) for all his work and for the specialist advice he was able to bring. We were also sorry to say goodbye to Paul Bellack (*Freya & Holly*) who has brought enormous business experience during his term on the governing body. A consolation here will be that his presence on the Premises Team will continue to support their vital work. Jane (*Wilkie*)

Netball

As mentioned in last Friday's letter St Pancras School are here to play a netball match on Wednesday. Please can all parents be aware of where their children are at picking up time as the match needs to start promptly at 3.15 so help is needed with keeping children out of the way and off the pitch! Many thanks in advance.

Gather ye tetra paks...

Preparations continue apace for our Winter Fair - a call has gone out for **tetra paks** (very clean ones....with tops and bottoms removed), **dry leaves, rubber bands** (like the postman drops..) and any ends-of-roll gaffer tape. So, rather than recycling in the orthodox fashion, collect all your empty fruit juice, smoothie and milk containers, rummage through the tool box and collar the postie - bring everything to school for a magical transformation. Burdened with leaves, tired of compost? Bring them to us – you know it makes sense.

Please call **Raphaella** (*Emil*) – 07787 726069, **Linda** (*Louis & Iola*) 07793 824750, or **Louisa** (*Manu & Taya*) – 07912 212352 with offers of help for anything to do with the Winter Fair.

Gated

Please remember that the school gate must be kept closed AT ALL TIMES. When the electronic lock is not in force at drop off and pick up please ensure that the gate is closed and the ring in position after you enter or leave. Thank you.

Parade

Please be sure to have **14th December at 5pm** firmly penned into your diaries for our Christmas concert and lantern parade. We will start off in the hall and then parade around the local streets filling the community with festive cheer. If you would like to help with the making of lanterns please let your child's teacher know – all hands on deck with this will be much appreciated.

Oh no! It isn't... yet

Because we are still waiting for a director to come forward it looks as if we will need to wait a little longer for the hilarity of staff and parents strutting their stuff on the pantomime stage. If anyone has the time and energy to take a lead with this in the New Year please feel free to step forward!

Please have a look at the display that has just gone up in the hall telling the story of the staff's artistic day on the 6th November. With the expert facilitation of Marco (*Martha*) and Stephanie (*Aileen*) we experienced ways of working that enabled us to tap into an expressive freedom more characteristic of our youngest children. Marco and Stephanie (who have very generously donated their time so far) are planning a parent workshop of a similar nature in the New Year – watch this space for further details.

Alissandra (Nursery)



If you are meeting in school and having cups of tea, please could you bring in a pint of milk or two - we end up running short on some days! Hang on to your receipt and claim back the cost through the office. Many thanks