


Lunch Menu

Monday Veggie pizza and salad

 Chocolate and pear cake

As the cold draws in maybe this offer can encourage those of us without to install some cosy insulation....


www.npower.com/web/diylloftinsulation/index.htm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 14th	5pm Lantern Parade & Concert [please be back at school by 4.45]
Tues 15th	3.15pm School breaks up

January

Mon 4th Staff Day
 Tues 5th School Back
 Weds 6th 3.15pm Netball Club
 Yoga Club
 Thurs 7th 3.30pm Belly Dancing
 Sat 23rd Creative workshop



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As we gallop toward the end of the year, I always try to take a moment to look back and reflect and ‘set my compass’ for the year ahead. But, after a conversation with a Futurologist colleague, it seems we are entering rapidly changing times and that might not be such an easy task. He suggests next year is likely to bring huge shifts in how we structure life. (I wonder whether the discontent people feel with banks, big business and government is a forerunner to this.)

I have been drawn to two initiatives recently – apart from New School Thinking of course – that give me hope and a sense of new possibility. I dearly hope too, that they are a precursor to a widespread change in how education and the education system is organised.

A documentary called “*We Are the People We’ve Been Waiting For*” recently went into thousands of homes, courtesy of the Guardian, as a freebie DVD. This must surely have widened the debate about the suitability of a system that focuses children on cramming facts and figures and passing exams, as opposed to engaging their imagination and creativity.

Another heartening sign is the formation of the New Schools Network which launched this October. It is an independent, not-for-profit group, aiming to improve the quality of education by increasing the number of independent and innovative schools. They see themselves as a resource for parents who want to set up their own schools, as well as being a bridge, linking to the state sector. There are some excellent articles on their website www.newschoolsnetwork.org about projects poised to start, should the political climate change.

It seems Lewes New School has change written into its DNA, which not only gives it enormous resilience, but also demonstrates to other parents what can be done with courage and vision, when the NEW is calling very loudly!

Hermione (Chair of Trustees)

Westward leaving.....



We are really sorry that we have to say goodbye to Tish who has been such a great assistant to Alex in the kitchen this term. We wouldn't like to suggest for a moment that we are in any way jealous of her imminent removal to a state on the west coast of North America – Kalyfourniah or something – but we *will* miss her and wish her everything that's good for the future.



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Last week I posted a somewhat lighthearted message in the Friday letter about playground supervision. Please **DO NOTE** that the school does not have responsibility in the playground for your children after you have collected them at 3.15. The playground is a safe place to play but does require supervision by adults at all times. During school hours this is done by the school staff but, after 3.15, the children should be supervised at all times by parents or designated carers. Thanks, Matthew

And, while we're about it.....

Pick up time. Please, please be prompt, especially when collecting children from Class 1. They are keen to see you at 3.15 so it would be great if you could fetch your youngest ones first and have a chat in the playground afterwards!!

Stephanie (*Aileen*) and Marco (*Martha, Class 3*) are offering LNS parents the creative workshop they ran for teachers in November on

Saturday 23rd January, 9am – 5pm.

There are 10 places at £25 per person, which will include lunch and refreshments. All money raised will be donated to the school's Art Development Fund – see enclosed flier for more details.

*Lots of pressies for everyone
from Delia (Class 1)*

PERFECT LIGHT

Please make sure that your children are back at school by 4.45 on Monday ready to parade with families and staff up to the castle from 5. If the weather is bad we will sing in the hall first and parade more briefly around the school!

