



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and your children have had a good start to the 2024/25 academic year. It has been wonderful to see them in school and good to catch up with them. I have visited all the classes this week and seen how settled and ready to learn the children have been.

Apologies for the change of Newsletter format this week – hopefully normal service will be resumed next week. I will also apologise for its length but there are key `housekeeping` information I need to provide. I will endeavour to keep our weekly newsletter concise in future as we have received feedback that previously there was a lot of information to digest at the end of a long week.

For this week's assembly, I read a story about how smiling is contagious and the importance of welcoming one another with a smile. I went over some of the changes we have made this year, particularly in slight changes to break and lunchtimes.

Music Lessons

Individual and Group Music lessons will begin on the week beginning the 16th September.

WRAP

Thank you for your continued patience with our WRAP administration. We have over the last year had various changes in personnel that has not helped. However, Magda is now in post and we are working closely together to ensure a more efficient, accurate system.

For those using our WRAP provision, we will be updating parentpay in the next few weeks with this term's WRAP balance for the children using the service. It will be set to show a reducing balance after each payment you make. Voucher payments will be reconciled monthly. The aim will be to have a £0 balance at the end of each term. Could you, for the time being, please continue to send in screenshots of payments made using vouchers.

Parent Survey

Please see the link below in regards to a Lewisham Consultation on Child Care Needs.

[Calling all parents and carers tell us about your child care needs 2024 - Lewisham Council - Citizen Space](#)

Secondary Transfer for Year 6 parents

For Year 6 parents, Lewisham are running a transition meeting for transition to secondary schools.

Transition to Secondary School Event 25th September 2024 – This event, building on the success of last year's, will run in Lewisham's Civic Suite from 5.00pm to 8pm.

Below is the eventbrite registration link and the secondary "Bright Futures Brochure" that has been distributed to all Lewisham Year 6 parents.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/starting-secondary-school-in-2025-advice-and-support-for-lewisham-parents-tickets-952492489677?aff=oddttdcreator>

Applications should be made at www.eadmissions.org.uk

PE

We would like children to wear to school appropriate clothing for PE on `outdoor PE` days. You will be able to find your child's `outdoor PE day` on the [school website](#).

Jewellery

Kilmorie Primary School, Kilmorie Road, London SE23 2SP

Headteacher: Dennis Irwin

Please note that children should not be wearing jewellery (unless for religious reasons). Only stud earrings are allowed. Children can wear watches but smart watches are not allowed.

Celebrating Diversity meeting (Tackling Racial Bias) reminder

This is a very exciting project for all Kilmorie families and teachers to get involved in. We recognise that within our community there are families and children who are not valued and celebrated, as they should be. Recognising that current structures limit their relationships and involvement with our school, at times contributing to negative experiences. This is something we are dedicated to examining and changing.

There are many aspects to diversity and inclusion but to begin we wish to focus on breaking down racial barriers to inclusion. This is an opportunity for our whole school community. We are delighted to begin this move towards change with the assistance of speaker from Citizens UK who will help us start talking positively about Community Conversations.

Please can we remind all parents of our first meetings for the whole school community.

These are to be held on the 17th September at 5pm (venue tbc dependent on numbers) and 18th September at 8am in the music room. The meetings will last 55 minutes.

We recognise that childcare might be difficult to arrange, but request that children do not attend these meetings with parents. We are able to offer childcare for the meeting on Tuesday 17th September.

The plan for this particular meeting will be to set out our vision, share key terms and definitions as a baseline from which to grow in learning together and broadly identify an action plan to be worked upon over the next three years in order to bring about change and achieve our vision for the whole Kilmorie community.

Please complete this [wufoo link](#) to indicate your attendance and whether you would need childcare on Tuesday 17.th

Yours faithfully,

Dennis

Acting Headteacher

