

Dear Parents,

Another excellent and busy fortnight has passed and I am delighted to inform you of the coming events, developments and of the school's achievements.

SCHOOL MEALS

The new school meal menu starts after Easter and it will shortly be put on the schools' website for parents and pupils to view. In response to comments from parents in the recent questionnaire, the schools have significantly reduced the amount of processed meat and sugary desserts available each week. In addition, we have added to the variety and number of fruits available at the counter for the pupils to choose once they have selected their main (hot) meal

THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

The plans from the three contractors are on display in the Junior playground and I know some parents looked at them in the recent parents' evenings. Please let me know your thoughts on the proposed developments, via email.

The children and staff are currently being consulted and I would like to be able to let the successful contractor know in the next week about what we would like for the pupils.

All the plans (A, B + C) are within the allocated budget and the contractors have indicated that the playground markings are just there as examples and can easily be changed.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property "mountain" remains very high. All lost clothes will be put out in the junior playground EVERY Friday from 3.15 -4.00. This will continue until the end of the Spring term.

PTFA NEWS

Firstly, my sincere thanks to all those involved in the delicious pancake sale last Friday. I can thoroughly recommend the sugar and lemon pancakes!

Secondly, I am very grateful to the parents who ran and took part in the Swedercise class on Thursday.

I draw your attention the coming events which I hope you will be able to support.

Future PTFA events include:

- Bug Busting Fortnight  (25th Mar, 28th Mar, 1st Apr & 4th Apr)

- Promises Auction – Fri 22nd Mar, **Lambeth Town Hall**
- Litter Picking Fundraiser 4! – 3rd Apr
- Easter Bake Sale – Thurs 4th Apr

Please check the PTFA website for further details:

www.honeywellptfa.org.uk

Finally, the Promises Auction looks truly amazing and I sincerely hope many of you will bid for the fantastic offers. To all those who have donated such a wonderful collection of "promises" I am very, very grateful.

PROMISES AUCTION

The Promises Online auction is now live and bidding is underway. Please follow the link <http://www.charityauction.bid/Honeywellptfa> or download the app to register your details and start bidding: <http://onelink.to/njm7x8>
If you would like to attend the live auction on the 22nd March but have not yet got a ticket please email honeywellpromisesauction@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity in helping our school invest in STEM equipment (science, technology, engineering, maths) and a new Junior playground.

BUILDING WORKS

I must apologise for the continuing disruption caused by the building work.

We have recently discovered two areas – one at the front of the school and one in the Junior playground that need urgent work. Both repairs are unrelated to the roofing work which concluded about 4 months ago but both jobs need "cherry picker" lifts to complete the work. The schools are urgently trying to arrange this work to be undertaken and we are currently in negotiations with several companies.

However, until the work is completed I am afraid to inform parents that the children will need to enter/exit the building using the main entrance and main staircase.

In particular, to avoid congestion the school will adopt the procedures which are used every Tuesday to Thursday morning.

Namely, the school will be open from **8.50am EVERY DAY** and the children are to make their way into the building via the Main Entrance and **NOT** line up once they arrive in school.

This is a purely temporary measure and will not continue once the works have been completed.

DT WEEK

DT week was a great success and my thanks go to Ms. Roberson for organising it and providing such an array of challenging and stimulating tasks.

My thanks also to the many parents who provided many of the resources for the activities.



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

As you know the school is committed to the Rights Respecting School agenda and we would like parents to follow this up at home.

If you have time please discuss with your children the following RRS Article we would be grateful.

Article 15 (freedom of association)

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organizations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

STAFFING NEWS

The school is currently advertising for a new Senior Administration Officer and if any parents/carers would be interested in the role could they please contact Laura in the Office for more details.

laura.lockhart@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk

A job description and application form can be found on the schools' website [here](#).

SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Please can parents/carers encourage the children to put the scooters/bikes away neatly in the correct area and not let them be dumped, especially in the playground.

Many thanks

SUCCESS STORIES

There has been so much sport that I have been defeated in my attempt to write full descriptions of all the events the schools have been involved in. I usually love to record the matches and competitions that Honeywell have played but this week I will have to direct you to the Sports "blog" at the end of this section.

Netball

Our Honeywell Yr 4 teams played Putney High School and although we narrowly lost both matches the netball coaches reported that the teams did really well and have made great progress.

Our Yr 6 netball team was invited to play at Sydenham High for the first time ever. This was a highly competitive and thrilling match that ended in a 7-7 draw. Chris reported that there was a "Beautiful team spirit and sportsmanship from Honeywell".

Later in the week we had the opportunity to enter two teams into the JAPS U11 C/D Tournament so we jumped at the chance! Girls only, and we fielded a Yr6 team of girls who've not played as much as others this season, as well as offering the chance to some of our Yr5's.

A fantastic tournament was played out with Yr 5 team more than holding their own despite losing their first match against JAPS.

The pressure was now on the Yr6 team to emulate and possibly exceed the younger players' achievements. The Yr 6 players rose to the challenge and won all their games and the competition which was a fantastic achievement.

All the girls had represented the school superbly and I know that the parents and coaches were rightly very proud of them.

Well done!



Football

The boy's football team remains unbeaten this season despite a 0-0 match against Chesterton school on Wednesday.

Although this was the first match we have not won, the school is still on course to retain the Battersea league.

Hector J won a bronze medal in the U12 SE Region Championships qualifying him to represent the south east at the British Youth Championships

[Please click here](#) for a full report of the school's sporting achievements.

SPORT

On Tuesday, 19th March the school will be undertaking a "Sport 4 Schools" event.

Led by **Peter Bakare** (Olympic volleyball player) the children will undertake a series of high energy activities for which they have been sponsored – the sponsor sheets and letter should have arrived home last week or can be found on the schools website, [please click here](#)

Apart from the children learning about resilience, the value of practice, dedication and sportsmanship; the children will also undertake intensive exercise and learn about new exercises.

The money raised by the sponsorship will go to the school's PE department to purchase new equipment.

I hope all families will be able to support this event and ensure that the children have the school PE kit at school on Tues, 19th.

FREE HOCKEY COACHING– REPEAT NOTICE

I am delighted to announce that the partnership between the Spencer Club and Honeywell continues to develop.

From Friday 1st March and on every Friday until 29th March any Yr 5 & 6 pupil will be entitled to attend Spencer Hockey Club for an hour of free hockey coaching. The coaching will be provided by Spencer Hockey coaches and will include pupils from Honeywell and Beatrix Potter Schools

There is no charge for this generous offer but:

Children will need the correct sports kit INCLUDING a gum shield and shin pads.

Parents/carers will need to take their children to Spencer (Openview, SW18 3PE) and to stay with their children for the duration of the practice."

SWIMMING

Parents of children who are strong swimmers may be interested in this information which I have been asked to pass on.

Wandsworth Swimming Club (WSC) are holding an open swim trial session on Sunday 17th March, from 2-4pm at the Ernest Bevin College, Beechcroft Road, Tooting, London SW17 7DF.

There is availability in all squads, from Pre-Development to Senior Performance including our new academy for 4-6 year olds which is being extended to include a Tuesday session at Wimbledon High. If you are interested please email membership@wandsworthsc.com with the following information to arrange an assessment:

- * Your Name
- * Home Address and Post Code
- * Swimmers Name
- * Swimmers Date of Birth
- * Swimming experience to date (incl. ASA badges, certificates etc)
- * Email Address and Phone Number
- * Any disabilities or on going medications

The WSC website under the 'Squad Info' tab provides additional about the different squads, criteria, pool location and training times -

<https://uk.teamunify.com/About.jsp?tabid=194927&team=lrwsc>

Lastly, the school is very happy to publicise the following Easter Sporting Courses which may be of interest to parents/carers.

1. Spencer NC (8th - 11th April) email membership@spencerclub.org for details
2. Wayfarers HC
<https://www.londonwayfarers.com/events-post/easter-holiday-camp/>
3. Spencer HC
http://hockey.spencerclub.org/juniors/holiday_courses/
4. Spencer CC
<http://cricket.spencerclub.org/juniors/holiday-courses/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March		
Tue	19	Sports for Schools assembly
Fri	22	PTFA Promises Auction
Mon	25	Bug Busting fortnight begins Last week for school clubs.
Wed	27	Yr 6 pupils measured and weighed.
Thur	28	Governors meeting at 6.30
April		
Tue	2	Spring Concert 2.00 or 6.00 at St Luke's Church.
Thursday	4	Easter assembly

There will be additional dates for your diary and I will pass these on in my next newsletters.

DJR
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