

# Charles Dickens School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term everyone! Hopefully you have all received your curriculum letters from your child's teacher outlining all the learning ( and fun) that is planned for this term. Summer Term is always a busy one with Sports Day, the Summer Fair ( this year on a Saturday), trips, SATs, parents evenings and end of year celebrations. Please do pop any dates in your diaries now and keep an eye on the website for other key dates popping up.

As you can all probably see, the playground development is still in progress and this was due to a huge delay in obtaining the appropriate sustainable wood for the children's benches and play equipment. The contractors are now back in action. The hoarding is coming down in the next week and the children can finally get out there and play!

Final works, including adding coloured sports surface to the sports area will happen in the half term to minimise disruption. The observant amongst you have also probably noticed there is a large undeveloped area remaining. This area is now set aside to place new 'Scandinavian style' single storey 'modular' classrooms, *subject to planning approval*, to house the expanded group of children in the reception classes this year and next year.

Finally, thank you to all parents and children who have completed the 'school lunches' survey. We will be carefully looking at your feedback and will publish a summary of results and our responses, on the website, in a new section called 'get involved'. Surveys are such a valuable tool for the school to help us reflect - if you have any ideas for future surveys please let us know!

Have a fabulous weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Cassie Buchanan and Terri de Quincey

### **Summer Uniform**

A reminder that as it is now Summer Term and the sun has been shining this week children can wear summer school uniform. Girls can wear RED and white checked summer dresses or red polo shirts and navy blue skirts.

Boys can wear navy blue smart shorts (not sport type shorts) and red polo shirts.

Sandals must be of a sensible style so that children can run around in the playground without tripping over. Long boots are not part of school uniform. Socks must be white, blue or black.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Celebration of Mint Street**

Join them for a Celebration of Mint Street on Saturday 11th May between 11am and 4pm at the Mint Street Adventure Playground, Lant Street, SE1 1QP. There will be histories and stories from around Mint Street and present ideas gathered. Participate in dynamic movement exercises with specialist Parkour Coach and join in a creative workshop with an artist.

### **Dinner Money Calculations**

The dinner money calculations for the Summer Term are as follows:-

£39.10 to half term and £110.50 to the end of term.

### **Festival of Asian Literature - Kids' Connecting Cultures**

Asia House are running a series of special family events for children and parents to enjoy while learning about Asian Cultures at the Festival of Asian Literature being held at Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London, W16 7LP. These events are running on Saturday 11th May and Saturday 18th May. All events are free to children accompanied by a responsible adult—booking is required. For more information please visit [www.asiahouse.org/arts-and-culture](http://www.asiahouse.org/arts-and-culture). Alternatively call 0207 307 5454.

**PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME**

**Term Dates Academic Year 2012/13**

May Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May (school closed)

Half Term holiday - Monday 27th May to Friday 31 May

Inset day - Friday 21st June (school closed to pupils)

Last day of Summer Term - Wednesday 24th July

**Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 2013**

SATs Week for Year 6 - week Monday 13 May to Friday 17 May

Class photographs for whole school - Thursday 23 May

Paris Trip for Year 5 - Thursday 6 June and Friday 7 June

Summer Fair - Saturday 29 June

Parents Evenings - Monday 8 July and Tuesday 9 July (letters to follow nearer the time)

Year 6 show - Wednesday 10 July 2pm and 6pm performances

Key Stage 1 and Early Years Sports Day - Friday 12 July

Key Stage 2 Sports Day - Monday 15 July

Year 6 Leavers' Party - Tuesday 23 July 6pm

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - Wednesday 24 July

**Art Exhibition**

We hope that you managed to come along to the wonderful art exhibition on Monday 22nd April in the Middle Hall. It was great to see the amazing work that the children had produced over the last term. A big thank you to our Artist in Residence, Ademola Akintola and Sara Byers for all their hard work. You can see many of the exhibits on the school blog.

**Message for Year 5 parents**

If your child is currently in Year 5 you may be interested to know that there is currently a consultation on the opening of the proposed University Engineering Academy South Bank which will be a new secondary school that is proposed to be built on the site of the Aylesbury Regeneration. This is planning to be a school specialising in science and engineering in particular.

For more information please visit their website:- [www.proposedueasouthbank.co.uk](http://www.proposedueasouthbank.co.uk).

They will be holding a drop-in meeting on Friday 24 May 2013 between 3.30 and 6.30pm at Sacred Heart RC School, Trafalgar Street, London, SE17 2PT.

**Proposed Closure of Southwark Fire Station**

As you may already be aware there are plans to close Southwark Fire Station, as well as New Cross and cuts at Peckham Fire Station. This will mean three less fire appliances available locally.

Public consultation on the cuts began on the 5th March 2013 and will continue until 17th June 2013.

The London Fire Brigade have arranged for a series of public meetings to be held in each borough of London so that residents can have their views heard on these proposals. The Southwark Borough meeting has been scheduled for :-

Tuesday 14 May 7-9pm at Committee Room 4 and 5, Greater London Authority, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA.

If you have internet access you can take part in the public consultation by logging on to :-

<https://www.citizenspace.com/app/london-fire-brigade/lsp5/consult.view>

Or, alternatively, you can receive a hard copy of the plan the consultation leaflet by phoning 0800 9888 569 or email: [londonsafetyplan@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:londonsafetyplan@london-fire.gov.uk)

For updates and further information on: <http://www.savesouthwarkfirestation.org/>