

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE

## MARVELS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing following a fortnight of lots going on across the school.



Book Week came and went with children getting involved on many levels. The reading posters were excellent, the costumes were fun and creative, the book run was exhausting (!) and the Friday Assembly Quiz was one of the best that I can remember. Thank you to Mrs Freeman and Mrs Suleyman for arranging everything and to everyone else for their enthusiastic participation.

That week also saw 22 Year 5 children represent the school in front of a packed house at The Broadway Theatre Catford as part of the Lewisham Dance Showcase 2024. Our dance, based on chocolate, was definitely one of the best (not that it's a competition) and the children gave their all. I was one of a couple of very proud headteachers in the audience.

Talking of chocolate, please don't forget the Spring Fair and Easter Raffle this Friday immediately after school. Chocolate or Easter Egg donations are very welcome.



Thank you to FOMLPS in advance for their organisation and hard work and thank you in hindsight for their great ideas of selling pre-loved outfits ahead of World Book Day and also their red nose painting!

I'm pleased to announce that I am currently surrounded in my office by **seven** class bottles full of ping pong balls - so watch out as there will be approximately half of the school wearing (well earned) own clothes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



Please also join me in welcoming Miss Levy-Minott to our admin team who I hope you will see and get know in the office.

Good luck to Mr. Leach, Ms Malyon, Ms Jordan, Mrs Bryant and the 36 children from Years 4 & 5 who are going on School Journey next week. Fingers crossed for the weather. Teachers are already planning a special topic for the children in those year groups staying in school.

Very best wishes,

Mr Edward Dove  
Headteacher

## Kitchen Review



Mr Dove has spoken to some of the parents over the past few weeks about reviewing and improving our school lunches. Over recent years, we have been really challenged by rising food prices and an extremely tight budget not to mention increased numbers of pupils eating lunch and a tiny kitchen.

That said, we are long overdue a menu review and, with a slightly more positive financial position on the horizon, we are also keen to look at how else we can improve the lunchtime provision.

We would like to hear the views from our parents, children and staff before we make any decisions. Please could you follow the parent link below and complete the survey. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/igWq1LDhra> - This should work on your phone or computer.

## End of Term

Please note that, because of the Easter Weekend being early this year, **the end of term is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. This means that the usual end of term certificate assemblies will be on Thursday not Friday at 9:10am (Year R & 1) and at 10:45am (Years 2 - 6).

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter break.



## Farewells



Sadly, we are in the unusual position at this time of year of needing to say some staff goodbyes and thank you to:

Miss Jenkins, in the Nursery, who is moving house and getting married.

Ms Trayer, in Year 1, who is moving back to Lincolnshire for family reasons having taught at Marvels Lane for 17 years.

Mrs Hamill, in Year 5, who is leaving us to take up a teaching post in a local Special School, having taught here for 24 years.

We will miss them greatly and hope that you will join us in wishing them the very best in their future roles.

I will update you on replacements before the end of term. Best wishes, Mr Dove.

## Comic Relief



A big thank you to everyone, we raised an amazing £123 for Comic Relief this year.

## Ramadan

With Ramadan starting last week, we are aware that some parents would like for their children to fast for some or all of this time. Some children have asked their parents to do this too. As a school, we want to support that decision as fully as we can, but also recognise that young children might find it difficult to manage day to day school life with the challenges of fasting.

If you haven't already, please contact the admin office to let them know to what extent you would like your child to be involved. We will also let you know if there are any concerns or problems.

## Road Safety



We are still working hard to lobby Lewisham to secure a replacement crossing/lollipop person on Marvels Lane. Unfortunately, no success as yet.

In the meantime, please can I encourage as many people as possible to come to school on Riddons Road, where there are no cars outside the school between 8:30am - 9:30am and between 2:45pm - 3:45pm.

If you drive, as a suggestion, you could park at the top of Riddons Road and walk down. Having said that, if you are parking on the pavement **please** be extremely careful that it is safe to do so, and that you avoid blocking residents' drives and that parents with buggies can still get past safely.

## Announcements

**Fit4Future (coach Segun)** - will again be running a holiday club at Marvels Lane. This is will be from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April 2024. It is free to children eligible for FSM/Pupil Premium; you should have already received an email from Wonde with details on how to book. Please see the flyer attached.

**Colfe's Swin Academy** - are running intensive swimming lessons during the holidays, please find attached a flyer with further information on dates, times and how to book.



# FREE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES CAMP



**Ages: 4.5 - 11**

**Tuesday 2nd April 2024 – Friday 5th April 2024**

**Marvels Lane Primary School, Riddons Rd, London, SE12 9RA**



**10AM - 2PM**  
**FREE HOT MEALS**  
**FREE ADMISSIONS**  
**& LOADS of Activities**



**\*Only Applicable for those entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS (benefit related)\***



## Including:

- Fitness with Coach
- Outdoor Activities
- Team Games
- Sports Tournaments
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Circle Games
- Parachute Games and more...

**LIMITED SPACES** available on first come first serve basis.

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If so, please search your email inbox/ junk mail for an email from: [hello@holidayactivities.com](mailto:hello@holidayactivities.com)

Follow the link in the email,  
Search 'Fit 4 Future'

**Sign up today**

For further enquires - Email: [info@fit4futurefoundation.org](mailto:info@fit4futurefoundation.org)



# Colfe's Swim Academy

## Holiday Intensive Swimming Lessons

### Group Lessons (45 Minutes)

Stages 1 - 4

February 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

April 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

April 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

May 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

July 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> August

August 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

August 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

August 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

09:15-10:00 / 10:00-10:45 / 10:45 – 11:30

### Private Lessons (30 minutes)

January 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

February 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

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15:00-15:30 / 15:30-16:00 / 16:00-16:30 / 16:30-17:00 /

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Visit - <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/colfesswimacademy/classes> for more information and to book on or join wait lists.

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