



## MARVELS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS**

Thank you to all parents who voted last week. All ballots were counted and I can report that, following a very close contest the following parents have been elected as new parent governors for Marvels Lane:

**Chantelle Green**

**Shayan Naguin**

I am also delighted to say that **Gina Bhatti** has also agreed to join the governing body in an associate governor role.

Thank you again to all three parents for putting themselves forward. I am sure they will each add much value to the school and the Governing Body over the coming years.

### **KITCHEN REVIEW**

As promised, I am writing with a further update on our Kitchen Review.

We will be making several changes after half term which we hope will address much of the feedback provided by children and parents. Some of these changes are as follows:

**Updated menu** - we will be replacing our 3 least popular meals. There will be a taster menu all next week (see attached) with 5 completely new meals. We will encourage as many children as possible to try these meals (even if they don't like the sound of them!). Teachers will then ask the children to vote for their favourites. The top 3 will then replace our least popular meals from the existing menu.

**Portion size** - we will be increasing the portion sizes for several of our lunches (e.g. chicken nuggets), especially for the younger children. Nb. we will also need to monitor food waste on these days.

**Desserts** - there will be a new rota for desserts that will be available for children having hot dinner or school packed lunch. Fruit and yoghurt will be available every day.

**Salad & Bread** - we intend to make some small improvements to the variety of salad and bread that we offer as additional options for children to have with their meal if they choose.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the extraordinary job done by Ms. Younger and the whole of the kitchen staff, producing food for almost 400 children out of the smallest school

kitchen in Lewisham. Not to mention Ms Kenny & Ms Jordan for all their work in making the process run as smoothly as possible.

### **WINTER FESTIVAL**

I am delighted to report that the final total of money raised at the Winter Festival was **£1435.92**.

This was our first year with children from each class running their own stalls. Every class made a fantastic effort with some fabulous ideas - we definitely have some budding entrepreneurs at school. Special mention goes to my personal favourites of the Burrow's bubbles and Magnolia's Human Fruit Machine. Across all the classes, the total raised was £578, well over 1/3 of the overall total with the 4 winning classes being:

**Nutmeg's** tree decorations; **Nursery's** playdough; **Willow's** cake and **Lime's** tin can stall.

Well done to everyone. Great fun.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Edward Dove

Headteacher