



PARENT UPDATE – 12th FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

KITCHEN REVIEW

Following our recent taster menu, the children have all completed questionnaires, which included asking them to rate each of the meals out of 10.

The two favourites (by some margin) were **macaroni cheese with garlic bread** and **chicken sausages with chips**. These will be on the menu after half term. Chicken Kyiv and baked potato came 3rd and will be given another chance. We will also allocate one day every 3 weeks as a regular 'taster day' to try other options as they become available from the suppliers.

These changes will happen alongside a range of other improvements to our dessert, sandwich and salad bar offerings, which we hope the children will also enjoy.

ONLINE SAFETY WEEK

This week, we are in the middle of Online Safety Week, including Safer Internet Day (SID 2025) yesterday. The children have been involved in a range of activities and Ms Hedderman has also delivered extended assemblies to Year 1 and above. The main focus of these assemblies has been things that can go wrong online and what they should do when this happens. We have also included the national focus on scams and phishing and how to spot these.

In addition to what we can do as a school and what children can do themselves, parents can also play a huge role in helping keep their children safe from harm on line. Ms Hedderman will shortly be letting you know about parent workshops on offer in school early next half term. Alternatively, there are a range of really helpful websites if you follow this link to our own website

<https://www.marvelslane.lewisham.sch.uk/online-safety/>

PARENT / CARER CONSULTATION DAYS- 18th & 19th MARCH

The next opportunity for you to talk with your child's Class Teacher about their learning, progress and next steps will be next half term, Week 4, on either Tuesday 18th or Wednesday 19th March.

We will be in contact after half term with details of the new online booking system.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance is finally turning a corner after one of the worst periods of different illnesses that I can remember here. As a school, we currently have never had a longer list of children whose attendance has dropped below 90% this academic year (both because of authorised and unauthorised absence). The good news is that there is still a lot of time to improve these figures. So, if your child falls into this category, please do work with us to get their percentage back up over the coming months.

AND FINALLY.....

There will be the usual end of half term certificate assemblies on Friday at which we will be awarding another set of Gem Power badges. We hope that the winners over the past 3 half terms will wear their badges around school with pride. If your child has lost or misplaced their badge, it is possible to get another one via the office for £1.

Wishing you a fun and restful half term.

Mr. Edward Dove

Headteacher