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## Newsletter 5th May 2023



Dear Parents,

We will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in our schools next week. Caterpillar and Butterfly clases will be taking part in fun activities on Wednesday 10th May in and the rest of the school on the afternoon of Friday 12th May.

It would be lovely for the children to wear something 'royal'. This could be a homemade crown, the colours red, white and blue, or any clothing suitable for a royal event! If you are able, please can you donate healthy snacks (no nuts), juice and cups for a tea party.

As Year 6 will be completing their final SATs test in the morning, they will need to bring their special clothing in a bag and get changed after the test.

Please take a look at the dates for your diary box for the reading cafe date for your child's class.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9th May, gates open at 8:45am. If your child is in year 6, please support them to be ready for the week with a good night's sleep all week.



## Too Good To Go

Too Good to Go connects you to supermarkets, restaurants and hotels with an unsold surplus of food at a significantly reduced price. Scan the QR Code below to download the App.



## **Dates For Your Diary**

#### **Tower Bridge**

Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday - School Closed Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs Friday 12th May - King's Coronation Celebration Wednesday 17th May 9am - Orange Class - Year 2 Reading Cafe Thursday 18th May 9am - Red Class - Year 1 Reading Cafe Friday 19th May 9am - Butterfly Class - Reception Reading Cafe

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### **Snowsfields**

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## Term Dates - 2022 - 2023 Summer term

Tuesday 18 April - Friday 26 May 2023 Half Term Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2023 Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July 2023

Term Dates for 2023-2024 are now on the school website https://thebridgesfederation.org.uk/home/term-dates/

Term time holidays will not be authorised.

## **INFORMATION FROM SOUTHWARK COUNCIL**

Do you have a prepayment meter? Don't forget to redeem your energy support scheme vouchers, at your usual top-up point, within 90 days. All vouchers must be redeemed by 30th June. Don't miss out on help with your energy bills orlo.uk/9gkMo



This weekend the coronation of King Charles III will be taking place We will be marking this historical event next Friday (12th May) in school by holding our own school tea party. We would like the children to wear red, white and blue outfits. If you are able to, please can you donate cake and bring to school on 12th May.



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Here is just a snapshot of the learning that has taken place in the past week or so at school: visits and workshops; learning, teamwork and helping the local community.

## **Reading Cafe Dates**

Butterfly Class - Friday 19th May Red Class - Thursday 18th May Orange Class - Wednesday 17th May Yellow Class - Friday 26th May Green Class - Thursday 25th May Blue Class - Wednesday 24th May Purple Class - Monday 22nd May



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We have made some lovely bunting for the patients in Elderly Care at
Kings College Hospital so that they can decorate their wards for the
Coronation celebrations.





## **Robert Browning Primary School**





Orange Class have been learning facts about Charles Darwin as part of their work about 'The Natural World'





We are celebrating The King's Coronation

We will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in school next week.

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Butterfly Class had great fun making animal biscuits



Good Luck Year 6!

Next week Year 6 will be taking their tests on <u>May 9th-12th.</u> It is really important that they attend school <u>everyday</u>. A huge thank you to all the staff who have worked with them over their time with us - helping them to prepare! Now it is their time to SHINE!

# Snowsfields Primary School





My reading buddy is really good at reading. I want to be as good when I will be in year 5. Year 2 pupil 3. Reading with some children in Yellow class has made me a better reader. I feel that I am also more patient. Year 6 pupil



Our Reading Buddies sessions continue to be very popular among all classes. These are some of the comments from both younger and older pupils.





Thank you to the London Fire Brigade for a fantastic workshop! The children in Year 2 and Year 5 learnt so much about fire safety!

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Good luck to our Year 6 who will be taking their tests on <u>May 9th-12th</u>- it is really important that they attend school everyday next week, get lots of sleep each evening so that they can do their best. We are so proud of them! They have worked so hard and this is their time to shine!

Blue Cross Animal Workshops Thank you to Kate from the Blue cross who spent time with Butterfly and Red classes this week talking about how to stay safe around animals and how to look after our pets! Did you know that when dogs eat carrots it is like they are brushing their teeth!





## **Garden Volunteers**

If you are interested in volunteering in our developing school garden, please speak to Adam or Zohra

<u>Class Fundraising Events</u> Parents if you are able, please donate as suggested below to support your child's class fundraising event.

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Red class - 17th May 3:30pm, please donate homemade cupcakes or plain shop bought cupcakes. Caterpillar and Butterfly class - 24th May 3:30pm. Please donate popcorn kernels, paper/plastic cups, small prizes ( pound shop prizes) such as bouncy balls.

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	6.5	14	50
Year 2	7	9	0
Year 3	3	11	100
Year 4	5	7	125
Year 5	10.5	3	175
Year 6	6	6	150



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 24/4/2023: 93.2%

**1st Place Attendance: Year 3 1st Place Punctuality: Year 5** 



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1st Place Attendance: Y2 1st Place Punctuality: Y6, Y5, Y4

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	22	7	90.83%
Year 2	2	6	98.75%
Year 3	8	5	96.67%
Year 4	9	4	95.98%
Year 5	14	4	92.39%
Year 6	6	4	97.50%

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	10	3	100
Year 2	10	12	150
Year 3	3	4	250
Year 4	4	5	200
Year 5	7	2	200
Year 6	17	4	150

Snowsfields

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## REQUIRED TO START SEPTEMBER 2023.

Midday Meals Supervisor at Snowsfields Primary 10 hours per week - term time only Grade: 3 Point: 2-6 - £5,403 per annum

## AT THE BRIDGES FEDERATION WE LEARN AND SUCCEED TOGETHER

The Bridges Federation of Schools are working together to provide excellent opportunities and exciting learning for all our pupils. We believe that every child has the potential to succeed and that it is our job to make that happen. We see every child as an individual and have a strong commitment to inclusion. All schools are situated in fantastic locations with excellent transport and community links.

We are looking for a flexible, reliable and dedicated Midday Meals Supervisor to provide a complementary service to existing teachers and pastoral staff in a school setting in addressing the needs of pupils during the lunch time period.

Are you dynamic, enthusiastic and committed to improving the opportunities for young people; someone who believes all children deserve the very best and are able to offer this, and are ready for a challenge?

Do you have:

Experience of working with children Experience of caring for children Experience of working with children with SEND Ability to communicate effectively with staff at all levels within the school Excellent communication skills, written and oral Experience of working within a team and ability to organise one's own tasks

An application pack can be downloaded from our federation website or by contacting our Senior Federation Business Manager, Michelle Owens.Applications should be submitted to Michelle Owens by the closing date shown below and should cover all the points of the Person Specification.

If you require any further information regarding this position, please email Michelle Owens, our Senior Federation Business Manager: mowens@snowsfields.southwark.sch.uk.

Closing date for applications:	Monday 5th June 2023
Interview date:	Friday 9th June 2023

The Bridges Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check, references and medical clearance are required for the successful applicant.

THE BRIDGES



Southwark Parenting Service

## EPEC Being a Parent Together:

This 10 week online course helps co-parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

For co-parents with children aged 2-11 years.

Wednesday mornings, 10am to 12pm Starting Wednesday 10th May 2023 for 10 weeks (excluding half term)

Dads and Mums want the best for their children, and sometimes it can be hard to agree about how to parent our children. This course, delivered by parents who have already benefited from this learning with their own children and families, will help you be the best for your children, whether you are living together or apart. Both parents need to attend and the group will help you to work together for your children. This course includes:

- Looking after yourselves as parents
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- · Support your children's resilience
- · Work together as a team to support your children

For more information, please contact Claire Gager at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team;

07547 659 646 Claire.gager @southwark.gov.uk "It's been such a beneficial course for both of us, not just as parents but as individuals"







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## EPEC Being a Parent:

## For parents of children aged 2 – 11 years

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical skills for everyday life

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
  - Learn positive parenting strategies
  - Support your children's resilience

Tuesdays 10am-12pm At 1<sup>st</sup> Place Children's Centre, 12 Chumleigh St, London SE5 ORN (Burgess Park) (Starting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023) Wednesdays 10am-12pm At Crawford Children & Family Centre, 5 Crawford Rd, London SE5 9NF (Starting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

For more information, please contact Claire Gager at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team; 07547 659 646 <u>Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk</u>

"I found the EPEC parenting course amazing. I learnt new things and I feel more relaxed when I come to a challenge with my child."







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First Sunday of the month 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July Charlotte Sharman Primary School West Square, SEII 4SN

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Drop-in 10.30-3.00pm All Free! All Welcome!

DRAWING ROOM



# Why not LEARN an instrument?



At the Saturday Music Centre, you can choose from a wide variety of instruments to learn and play in Samba, Gamelan or Drumming ensembles.



At a cost of just £100 per term and £80 for 2nd and subsequent children

## **CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Join us on Saturday 6th May from 11am - 5pm at Castle Square in Elephant and Castle for a FREE Coronation party for all the family to enjoy!

## Celebrate the big day with:

- Live brass band
- Food stalls from around the globe
- Face painting

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# 10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

### AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

## CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

#### BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

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For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch - or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

## ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb salety leatures – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts If kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

## MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on BIC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues. TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

## THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

## STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), patentially glving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have thard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

#### USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa starring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics

#### **BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME**

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

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