



The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation



Friday 12th October 2018

Hello our lovely Lucas Vale Family,

I'm really pleased to say that I have seen your children become much more focussed learners this half term but we still have a long way to go with some of them. We are working hard to develop the children's learning to learn skills. Last week we looked at **resilience**. Over the next two weeks we will be looking at **reflectiveness** and **collaboration**. We want our children to be able to learn in partnership with others and to be able to reflect upon their learning and behaviour to make it even better. Please support them with this at home.

Our **open evenings**, where you get a chance to sit with the teacher to talk about your child's learning, will be on the **7th and 8th November**. Letters will be out next week for you to make an appointment. I expect to see all of you at these meetings. If you don't attend I will be asking you why. This is an excellent opportunity for you to really understand how your child is doing at school.

Another chance for you to learn about your child as a learner is happening on the **15th November**. When the bell goes that morning, we are inviting you to come in and see how your child learns to read in their classrooms. I'd then like you all to come to the Dario Hall, at 9.30am, for refreshments. Again, I'd love to see you all there if you can make it.

An update on the work in the playground: it should be finished by the **8th/9th November**. I'll update you on this in the next newsletter.

This will be the last newsletter before half term (**half term is the week beginning the 22nd October, please do come to school next week**) so I wish you all a lovely break. Remember the museums in London are free, I found out this week that if your child has a zip card (and is primary school aged) they can travel by train for free (I hope that's true, I'm going to get my children one!). The Unicorn Theatre, near London Bridge station, has some lovely free events this half term too:

<https://www.unicorntheatre.com/FreeEvents>

Whatever you do I hope you all have a peaceful week and I will look forward to seeing you all no later than **8.55am on Monday 29th**. I am sure you will join me in thanking all our lovely staff at Lucas Vale for their hard work this half term.

Best wishes,

Jeanette Brumby

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What an excellent response we have had for our Harvest Festival! We are overwhelmed with the generosity of our parents and carers! We appreciate each and every one of your donations! All of the donations will go towards helping Lewisham Foodbank who help some of our most

vulnerable families in our local area. Please take donations to your child's class. Our Harvest festival will be on Wednesday 17th October!

For more information, please visit

[www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk)

Thank you!

## Lost Property

Please ensure you are checking the lost property rails at the end of each day.

We have had a small number of items go missing, we can advise our children on how to look after their clothing but ultimately, the responsibility lies with them and we cannot accept any liability for missing items. Please ensure you clearly label each item of clothing. Any items left on the rails at the end of half term will be disposed of.

## **Parent Reading Support**

If you wish to support the reading in our classrooms, please go to the Main office and book an appointment slot for your DBS applications. Appointments are available Mondays and Tuesdays 9am—10am in 10 minute slots i.e. 9am, 9.10am, 9.20am

Please ensure you bring two proofs of address i.e. utility bill, bank statement dated within the last three months and photo ID i.e. passport or driver's license.

ALSO—we are looking for parents who speak an **additional language** to support us when we are meeting with our EAL families. If you speak another language and can support, please apply for your DBS as above and we can get started!

Thank you!

## **Coffee Morning**

Parent's Coffee Morning will resume after half term on

**Wednesday 31st October at 9am**

and fortnightly thereon. The first session will be an introductory session for us to meet and greet you all.

We hope to see you there!



## Key Dates

Y6 Parents Meeting—Learning (3.30pm)

**Tuesday 16th October**

All of Year 4 to St Paul's Cathedral

**Wednesday 17th October**

Harvest Festival

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Last Time of Autumn 1

**Friday 19th October**

Children Return to School

**Monday 29th October**



There are still a limited number of tickets remaining for the Halloween Disco 31/10/2018!

Child tickets are £2 and adults tickets are £1

There will be snacks and drinks available to purchase at a low cost. We also have a fantastic face-painter who will create scary faces for just £1. Please be reminded that Reception—Y3 pupils require an adult (16+) with them to attend. Both need to purchase a ticket. No child in these years groups will be admitted without an adult. We hope to see you there!