



Stroud Green News

Dear Parents/Carers

Just a brief newsletter this week which mainly contains dates for your diary and some reminders about school services and fees. It massively reduces our administration time if you register to pay for services using our online system, if you need help please email Tara our School Business Manager on finance@stroudgreenprimary.com.

We always love to see as many parents as possible at school events so please try and hold the dates on this Newsletter. You will also see I have given you early notice of Book Week dressing up day so you can get your creative juices rolling! Have a lovely weekend.

Cal Shaw (Head Teacher)

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19th Sept at 9.15am & repeated Wednesday 20th Sept at 5.30pm - Meeting for Year 6 parents about Secondary Transfer.

Tuesday 26th Sept at 8.15am – Friends of Stroud Green meeting.

Week commencing Monday 2nd October – BOOK WEEK (*details to follow*) **NOTE:** Monday will be dressing up day so start thinking about brilliant ideas for your favorite book character.

Thursday 12th October at 6pm – International Evening - Family *Tickets on sale soon*. This is joint event run by the Friends and the school if you know of any local community groups who would like to perform or have any great ideas for evening please let us know.

Monday 16th October – Year Six Cake Sale after school - LET'S BAKE!

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October – PARENTS EVENINGS.

Friday 20th October – End of half term.

After School Club confirmation

Apologies for the delay. The confirmations of club attendance will come out on Monday.

Holiday Play Scheme

We are taking bookings for October Half term Play Scheme – all places do need to be pre-booked.

Free School Meals Entitlement / Pupil Premium Grant

Did you know that if you identify yourself as possibly being entitled to free school meals, it means our school gets £1,900 each year per child – this would mean if just 10 of you told us you were entitled we would have £19,000 additional funding to spend on children's learning.

We are making it super easy for you to claim – PLEASE help us!

As from Monday 11th September we started to administrate the applications for Free School Meals here at school which means that you no longer have to go and have a lengthy wait at the Haringey One Stop Shop. All you need to do is pick up an application form from the school office, return your completed form with a document that proves your entitlement (ie: benefit statement etc). We will issue you with a letter confirming your entitlement for the year: Its that simple!

Alternatively you could check your eligibility yourself using the LGfL eligibility checker : <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> . If you are eligible you will be given the option to e mail your confirmation to school or to print off a copy of the confirmation to bring to school. The e mail confirmation should be sent to Tara finance@stroudgreenprimary.com . **Remember** this entitlement gives you way more than just a free meal for your child– you could also be entitled to: a uniform grant, free access to some of our activity clubs, reduced rates at local facilities such a sports /drama/arts clubs, reduction in school journey costs and reduced music lessons. PLUS it gives our school valuably needed additional funding to support your child's learning here in school.

If you think you may be entitled come and talk to us before the end September so we can help you apply.
Thank You.

PAYING FOR SERVICES AT STROUD GREEN

It's never been easier to pay for school services

Our preferred option is using our online payment system. If you don't already have an individual account, email Tara our School Business Manager who will be able to assist.

You can also pay by child care vouchers (please remember we cannot accept child care vouchers for school meals), or direct into our bank account – again ask Tara for details.

Services need to be paid for in advance and all balances fully cleared at the end of every half term

Wet Play Resources / Games

I am busy setting up boxes in each classroom packed with resources/games/puzzles and equipment that children can use during a rainy break or lunchtime. **Can you help?** Do you have any old board games, puzzles, or would be willing to donate a game, a pack of cards, box of dominoes – anything children play in their classrooms when we are unable to get them out on the playground – donations to the office please!

Stroud Green Farmers Market
Sundays 10am until 2pm



FRIENDS OF STROUD GREEN NEWS

HEADLINES

- 1) Introduction to the Friends of Stroud Green School: how the PTA supports the school
 - 2) Some key dates for your diary
 - 3) Playground update
- 1) **Friends of Stroud Green School** is the Stroud Green Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The Friends are made up of parents, carers and school staff who meet regularly to look at ways we can enhance the school and its community by:
 - **Fundraising for equipment and resources**, which helps the school fund 'extras' for the children, like music lessons, art materials, play equipment and books.
 - **Running social events for parents and children** to enable our families to come together, make friends and have some fun.
 - **Providing support and funding** for school outings and other special events like dance and theatre workshops. This enables as many children as possible to partake through keeping costs down.

The Friends is a registered charity (Charity Number 1112224). We raise all our money through running events (*cake sales, fairs and events*) and applying for grants. All the money raised directly benefits the children at our school, enhancing their learning and participation in both the school and the wider community.

There are so many ways to support the PTA and these often require just a few hours each term. The PTA committee meets a couple of times a term to ensure all the planned projects and fundraiser events are on track. If you think you might like to support by volunteering to do a specific role, such as **leading on our fundraising efforts, communications or managing a specific event**, please get in touch and come along to a meeting to find out more. Volunteers for events such as cake sales, winter and summer fairs are always needed and you can get involved in this, as and when you have spare time. Just let us know you'd like to support by emailing us at: FriendsOfStroudGreenSchool@gmail.com

- Follow us on Twitter @FriendsofSGS <http://twitter.com/friendsofSGS>
- Like us on Facebook: @FriendsofStroudGreenPrimarySchoolPTA
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2) Key dates for your diary

Friday 22nd September @ 2.30pm

Preloved School Uniform. The PTA will be holding a preloved uniform sale from 8.30am-9.15am, and again at 2.30pm, in the school. If you have any uniform, PE kit or winter coats that your child has outgrown please bring to reception any day next week. If you have any uniform or other clothes and textiles that you don't feel can be recycled in this way, please save for 'Phil the Bag',

Thursday 12th October - International Evening.

An opportunity for all families to meet each other in a relaxed environment, sharing the different cultures that make up the school through food and music. If you are part of a dance/music/singing group or have a talent that is traditional to your heritage that you would like to share at this event, please speak to Marianna Slovackova.

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October -Parent/Child/Teacher meetings.

(Parents Evening). The PTA will be in the main hall, selling teas and coffees and light snacks. This is an opportunity to meet the PTA and find out more about some of the fundraising events and how you can support.

Saturday 9th or Sunday 10th December (TBC) - Winter Fair.

Due to the success of the summer fair we have moved this to a Saturday to enable more parents to attend. Creative stalls, food and gifts and of course Santa's grotto.

1st week of the Jan term - Phil the Bag

Each year in January we ask our parents and carers to donate old clothes and textiles for Phil the bag. This organisation recycles the clothes to be sold on or repurposed. Phil the Bags are weighed and the school is paid by the tonne, raising valuable funds. Clear out those cupboards and save for Phil the Bag.

Cake Sales

Each year group will be running a cake sale supported by the PTA, this enables each year group to raise vital funds for additional enrichment trips and resources that support the curriculum and the children's learning.

The cake sale dates will be as follows:

Monday 16 th October	Year 6
Monday 13 th November	Year 5
Monday 27 th November	Year 2
Monday 22 nd January	Year 4
Monday 5 th February	Year 1
Monday 12 th March	Reception
Monday 23 rd April	Year 3

Please support by baking cakes and biscuits, and if you can help out at any of the cake sale events please email or speak to one of the PTA team, your help is always appreciated.

Other ways you can support-Easy Fundraising.

Easy Fundraising enables us to raise valuable donations each time you shop online, through the app. It doesn't cost you a penny extra. Easy Fundraising has 3,252 shops and sites from supermarkets for your weekly shopping to large online and high street retailers like Marks and Spencer's and Amazon as well as mobile phone and holiday companies. They give the school commission on each of your purchases and last year this raised £6587.36 towards enrichment of the curriculum and projects supported by the PTA.

A link has been sent to all families via the school mailing list.

3) Playground upgrade - update

One of the largest projects the PTA has supported at Stroud Green School has been the redevelopment of the school playgrounds. The resurfacing of both the junior and infant's playground has now been completed. Our Head, Ms Shaw, was able to secure funding for the first stage of this redevelopment through Haringey Council. Additional funds for the playground upgrade were raised by the Friends last year, through a dedicated Justgiving page and various PTA events. This total is just over £15,000. We know there are three main areas of requirement; seating for both playgrounds, protection from the elements, alongside a stimulating and creative environment that our children can learn and play within. The money we have currently won't enable these projects to be delivered at once, so a staggered approach with short term and long-term proposals is being considered and costings are being sought. As a priority seating will be the next additional to both playgrounds and we anticipate this will happen this half term.

Additional fundraising events and activities this year will support the further development of the play space for children. If you have any expertise within educational play spaces, design or landscaping skills or other relevant skills and would like to support the proposals please get in touch with the PTA. Or if your business or the company you work for provides any kind of sponsorship or match funding that we can apply for, please let the PTA know.