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Transition

It scarcely seems possible that we are already at the end of term 1 and that it will be November and we will have lost those light evenings by the time the children return from their half term break.

It has been a very busy start to the year and as we all know there has been a degree of challenge in having children based both at West Norwood and temporarily at Dunraven, whilst we wait for the Streatham building to be completed. The children have settled remarkably well and the start to the year has, to all intents and purposes, been smooth. We are grateful to all of our parents/carers for their patience and support during this period.

It is a real challenge moving the children each day by bus and I am particularly grateful to all those affected who have supported us during this period. The buses are generally running well and the children are arriving in school on time each day. However, the buses are taking a great deal of time out of the day for staff and I know it has been particularly difficult, when road works on both West Norwood High street and Leigham Court road have conspired against us.

We kindly ask that if you are able to walk your child(ren) to and from Dunraven each and every day and would be willing to give up your place on the bus, that you please let us know as soon as possible? We have a waiting list for spaces on the buses and any places we can

release would be very gratefully received. Please note that places are allocated on the basis that they are used daily and not on an ad hoc basis and will be withdrawn by the school if they are not used.

Although the transition period is a challenge for us all, I am pleased that we are able to use the Dunraven site temporarily and that our children did not end up spread over a number of schools in the interim period. Although it is not ideal for any of us, it has proved to be a really workable solution. The Reception classes are all based on the West Norwood site and this is also working really well. Children have settled beautifully into the routines of school and are happy!

...and remember there are only **14** weeks until the school will be able to move into the fantastic new building on Leigham Court road. The current situation is a temporary one!

Secondary transfer

A reminder that the closing date for secondary transfer forms is Friday 31st October, although Lambeth are encouraging applicants to submit applications no later than 24th October 2014 to allow sufficient time for processing and checking. It is strongly recommended that applications are submitted online to avoid any potential problems with the post. Please ensure that you apply online at www.lambeth.gov.uk/eadmissions. Once the application has been submitted you will receive an application reference no to confirm that the form has been submitted correctly. If you are experiencing problems please contact us immediately. If you do not have access online then paper CAFs should be submitted by Friday 24th October 2014. They should be handed in to the Lambeth Customer service centre in Brixton or posted to Lambeth school admissions team, 6th floor, International

house, Canterbury crescent, London SW9 7QE.

Please make sure that you read the admissions criteria carefully and complete any supplementary forms for the individual schools you are applying to. Supplementary forms for most schools have an earlier closing date. If you need any support submitting forms, please contact Alison, Sarah or Polly.

Goodbye!

We have said goodbye to Clem who was the Early years educator in RLC as she has moved on to further her career in a children's centre. On behalf of Julian's Primary I would like to wish her all the best for the future.

A further reminder...

We would like to remind all parent/carers that you are welcome to stand for election to become a Governor on the Julian's Primary School Governing Body. If you are interested, please inform me on headteacher@juliansprimary.org.uk by **Monday 1st November 2014 at 12 noon**. If you have previously registered your interest, please let me know if you would like to be considered for the election.

If you would like to put yourself forward, please prepare a short statement about yourself and submit it to the School Office together with a photograph so that we can distribute your details to the school community prior to the election. The election will be on **Wednesday 10th November 2014**.

Meeting with ISS – our school meal provider

A further reminder that we shall be holding a tasting session with ISS on **Tuesday 4th November 2014 from 3-5pm**. This will be an opportunity for you all to sample the menu

and to meet the operations team, the development chef and the nutritionist.


I would encourage you all to attend so that you can share your concerns and ask the team directly any questions you may have.


We are also delighted that Mark Sargeant, the celebrity chef will be visiting Julian's on Friday the 14th November!



Mark was formerly head chef at Gordon Ramsay's Michelin starred restaurant at Claridge's in London, so we look forward to meeting him! Watch out for more information soon!

PTFA news

The first fireworks cake sale  will take place on Friday 7th November @ 3.15pm in the Key Stage 1 playground at West Norwood. The next cake sale will take place on the Streatham site.

There will also be a coffee morning  in the small studio hall for new Reception parents/carers on Friday 14th November after drop off that morning. Please come if you are able to as it is a great opportunity to meet other Reception parents/carers and talk about your experiences so far, as well as find out about the PTFA.

Have a wonderful half term!

We look forward to seeing all of the children on Monday 3rd November ready for the start of term 2.

Alison Moller