

Newsletter



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Autumn Term Newsletter 2014

2014 – 2015 EVENTS CALENDER

Sun 02nd November 2014
 Greek School Yiorti -Oxi Day
 12.45pm in Christoforos
 Cartoudis School Hall

Sun 14th December 2014
 Greek School Christmas Yiorti
 12.45pm in Christoforos
 Cartoudis School Hall

Sat 20th December 2014
 SCHOOL CLOSES FOR
 CHRISTMAS.

Sat 10th January 2015
 Greek School Re-Opens

Sun 01st February 2015
 Cake Sale in Church
 (Great opportunity for those
 Bakers out there).

Sun 29th March.15
 Greek Independence Day
 25th March 1821 - 1831 /
 Greek Cypriot Independence Day
 01st April 1955
 12.45pm in Christoforos
 Cartoudis School Hall

Sat 4th April 2015
 School Closes for Easter
**Pupils should come prepared to
 receive communion**

Sat 18th April 2015
 School re-opens

May / June
 Annual School Trip

Sat 11th July 2015
 Last day of the school year
 School BBQ

PARENTS AFTERNOON
 TBA

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

It's been a while since our last Newsletter. We would like to welcome all our new children and parents to the school. The nursery children have made a fantastic start to their school life and are settling in well.

We have had a busy start to the school year with the Celebrations on the 04th October where Mr. Cartoudis received his British Empire Medal by the Queens' representative, The Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands, Mr Paul Sabapathy. It was a wonderful and emotional day. K. Cartoudi expressed it as the 'best day of his life'. Our children were a credit to our School. (please go to the website for more pictures).



GREEK SCHOOL YIORTI SUNDAY 02nd November 2015

We have our Yiorti on **Sunday the 02nd November** to celebrate **OXI Day!** Please can all children arrive by **12.45pm**.

This is a very special day in our community. On the morning of October 28th 1940. At dawn {4.00am} an ultimatum was presented to Metaxas by the Italian ambassador in Greece, Emanuele Grazzi. After a party in the German Embassy in Athens, they demanded that Greece allow Axis forces to enter Greek territory and occupy certain strategic locations. If they did not comply with these demands this meant war. The Greeks allegedly answered with a single iconic word: OXI {NO!} Which to me is so typically Greek!! Strong, Noble and will not be defeated. The Greek borders were attacked by 5.30am which was the beginning of Greece's participation in World War 11.

You can look it up online under **Greco Italian War** and the **Battle of Greece**. On the morning of October 28th the Greek population took to the streets, irrespective of political affiliation, shouting "OXI". From 1942 it was celebrated as **OXI Day**. I also think you can see a fictionalized account of the meeting between Metaxas and Grazzi, written from Grazzi's point of view in the novel and notion film Captain Corelli's Mandolin.

So please come along, our flags will be high and help us celebrate a magnificent piece of our history.

WE WELCOME TWO NEW FACES AT SCHOOL

This year we welcome to our School, two new teachers. Stavroulla Thoma who is teaching Year 3 and Elli Evangelidou who is teaching Year 6.

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EASY FUNDRAISING

As Christmas draws closer and you begin to think about Christmas presents, we would like to remind those of you that shop online that by joining the Easy Fundraising Org page, you can help us raise money without it costing you anything. At present we only have 12 supporters and we need to get those numbers up. Its so simple. Shop online with your favourite stores and raise money for your school at the same time. Donations vary but on average 5% of what you spend is donated. [ie] If the donation shown is 2.5%, the school will receive 2.5 pence for every £1 you spend. Every penny counts. Please tell your friends and family and get them to join up too.

The website address is:-
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orthandrewgreesch>

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Also I have to remind you all that the **Bags to School** is just around the corner. We would once again put our faith in you to help us raise money to put towards our School. I'm sure you know the drill by now but just for those who are not aware. We are looking for any unused clothes, bedding and paired shoes. Please put them in black bags and bring them to the school or Church. With Christmas on the way I'm 100% there are plenty of you that could have a good clean out and find some unwanted items. The heavier the bags the more money our school will raise.

The collection date is **Tuesday the 11th November** so please bring bags in before then.

KEA (Cypriot Mission of Education) SEMINAR IN LEICESTER ON 19th OCTOBER 2014

On Sunday, 19th October, the KEA seminar took place at the Greek school of Leicester with the topic "Diversity in the educational process: Teaching-Evaluation". Our school's teachers attended the seminar, which was part of their training from K.E.A. Our school teachers expressed their satisfaction with the theme and the content of the seminar, in which they had the opportunity to express some concern about the difficulties faced in the classroom, but also to get some advice and suggestions for improvement of their academic work.

The Inspector – Head of K.E.A Mrs Maria Papalouka, warmly thanked the community of Leicester for their amazing hospitality and emphasized that K.E.A will continue to help and support the project and train teachers for the good of the parikiaki's education of our children.

MIDWEEK LESSONS

Monday 5pm - 6.15pm (years 3 and 4)

Monday 6.30pm - 8pm (years 5 and 6)

Wednesday 5pm - 6.45pm (GCSE, A/S & A Level)

Wednesday 7pm - 8.30pm (Adults)

Please Note: *There is NO cost for these lessons for children who are already enrolled in Saturday School*

We look forward to seeing as many children as possible attend the midweek classes as well. Parents whose children attend these extra lesson have commented that they are very beneficial.

WEATHER

As the weather starts to get cold and wet, please ensure children come to school wrapped up well. On days when it is dry the majority of the children like to play outside in the fresh air.