



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your children enjoyed their Christmas meals this week; it was lovely to see them having such fun! As we enter our last two weeks of the term, we have a large number of Christmas activities coming up. Please look at the events page for further details.

Top Readers

This week's top readers will be in next week's newsletter.

Fencing and gates

The number of cars trying to access the site for drop offs and collection has risen significantly and is not viable; a few days ago, I saw a year 1 child almost hit by a car when trying to get to a vehicle and as such, we are restricting access to those that really need it. Likewise, the vehicle gates will be closed during the school day to restrict uncontrolled entry and exit to the site. We are looking to re-site the gates and fencing to increase the safety of the perimeter and hope to have the works undertaken later in the year, from which point there will be a better vehicle entry system in place.

Lunchtime Teams

On Monday we are changing our lunchtime routine slightly and creating lunchtime teams within our key stages. The aims are:

1. To create a nicer dining experience for the children, so that they value that time of the day more – the children tell us that the hall can be noisy and too busy
2. To support children to develop conversational skills and manners whilst at the dinner table

Each teacher has split their classes into groups of 3 based on friendships. These groups of 3s will join up with children from different year groups to create teams of 12. In KS1, there will be 3 children from each of the classes together and in KS2 there will be 3 children from each of the year groups together.

The children will then eat in 4 sittings across lunchtime and will do this as a team. They will sit down before eating, get their food together and then leave their tables together once finished. In time, we will be looking at improving the structure of our outside provision at lunchtimes as well to ensure all children have the best possible chance to be successful at lunchtime.

Website

Our new website has been built – you can see the basic design below. We now need to add content and hope to launch the new site at some point in the spring term. Over the next few weeks, we will be getting it ready and so we will only be updating the current site with time sensitive content. If you have anything you would like us to consider as we get the new site ready, please let us know.



KS1 Maths Challenge

Well done to the 71 children in KS1 who completed last week's Maths Challenge! It is fantastic to see the children's excitement when they are celebrated for their achievement in assembly. This week's challenge is:



Dates for your calendar

Monday 9th December: Choir singing at St James Park for KS2 choir (evening)

Tuesday 10th December: Nursery carols PM

Wednesday 11th December: Rock steady concert 10AM

Thursday 12th Dec 2.45pm: Y6 Parents & Pies WW2 session

Friday 13th December: Santa run AM and Christmas fair 2pm

Tuesday 17th December: Reception nativity PM

Tuesday 17th December at 3pm: Y4 Ancient Egyptians Parents' exhibition

Wednesday 18th December: Reception nativity PM

Thursday 19th December: Carol concert after school

Friday 20th December: Christmas jumper day

Friday 20th December: Last day before the Christmas break

Tuesday 7th January: First day back in school for children (staff return on the 6th for training)

Weekly menu – week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Margarita pizza with sauté potatoes and sweetcorn	Salmon fingers with wedges and peas	Toad in the hole with roast potatoes, gravy, carrots and cabbage	Meatballs and tomato sauce with pasta, focaccia and carrots	Chicken bites with chips and beans
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Quorn sausage with sauté potatoes and sweetcorn	Maccaroni cheese with focaccia and peas	Vegetable cottage pie with mash, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Vegetable biryani with focaccia and carrots	Halloumi burger with chips and beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Cheese, beans or tuna mayo	Cheese, beans or tuna mayo	Cheese, beans or tuna mayo	Cheese, beans or tuna mayo	Cheese, beans or tuna mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Chocolate muffin	Apple flapjack	Raspberry shortbread	Ice cream pot	Oaty cookie