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20th October 2023

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of our first half term and it has been a busy one. During this time, we have had two successful kindness cafes; it is wonderful to be able to grant kindness to yourselves and in return receive this back in the kind words that you offer. Thank you also for supporting the book fayre; we receive a percentage of the profits back and this of course goes directly to buy more children's resources.

School Dinner Menu

We return after the school holidays to our winter menu. The children really enjoy the hot dinners and Janey, our school cook, always welcomes feedback on the meals.

| | WEEK 1 | WEEK 2 | WEEK 3 |
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| MONDAY | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) Or Vegetable and Rice Burrito (V) Or Creamy Tomato Pasta Or Jacket Potato with a choice of Cheese & Crackers or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) Or Tomato Pasta Bake (V) Or Quorn Sausages (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) Or Quorn Burger Wrap (V) Or Double Filled Jacket Potato Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping |
| TUESDAY | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Mince and Dumplings Or Meatballs in Gravy Or Cheesy Bean Wrap Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Beef Spaghetti Bolognese Or Melted Cheese and Ham Sub Or Potato & Cauliflower Cheese Bake (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Mr Tindale's Crispy Chicken Fillet Or Steak & Veg Grill Or Cheese Panini (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping |
| WEDNESDAY | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Roast of the Day Or Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles Or Macaroni Cheese (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Roast of the Day Or Northumberland Sausage Or Tomato Pasta Bake (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Roast of the Day Or Herby Turkey Or Veggie Filled Yorkshire (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping |
| THURSDAY | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Chadwick's Chicken Curry Or Mr Tindale's Bacon & Leek Pasta Or Tomato Pasta Bake (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Chef's choice of Pie Or Beef Chilli Pitta Pocket Or Vegetable Savoury Rice (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Chadwick's Kitchen All Day Breakfast Or Beef Lasagne Or Vegetarian All Day Breakfast (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping |
| FRIDAY | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Fish Fingers Or Veggie Paella (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Fish Fingers Or Bubble & Squeak Cakes (V) Or Jacket Potato with a choice of topping | CHOOSE A MAIN MEAL: Breaded or Battered Fish Or Macaroni Cheese (V) Or Salmon Pasta |

Autumn/Winter 2023 - 2024

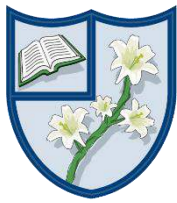
Spooky writing day

We are celebrating a spooky writing day in school on Tuesday October 31st. Please send you child to school in their spookiest outfits, however, please make sure that these are age-appropriate and are not linked to scary films. On this date, we will hold our spooky disco. Previous information has been shared about this.

School Streets

Thank you for supporting the School Streets project; we know that it is not easy and is not always pleasant to park five minutes away especially when the weather is like today. Please be mindful of the residents private parking and ensure that you do not block them in.





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PE days

PE days will remain the same next term. Please send your child into school with the correct PE uniform on. We do appreciate that white t-shirts do not always stay clean. If you cannot find a plain white t-shirt, then please send the children in wearing their normal blue polo t-shirts. We would appreciate it if you do not try to find the nearest top you have to white, as these are often covered in branding or logos.

School Site

Thank you for the support in collecting year 1 and year 2 slightly early this term, this was due to the remaining scaffolding up. We are hopeful that the roof will be complete over the holidays and that we will return to the normal collection points and collection time. I will keep you informed about this. The internal court yard will also be resurfaced during the holidays and new CCTV will be going in around the site.

Parent/ Carer meetings

In November, we will hold our termly parental/ carer consultation meetings. During this time, you will be able to speak to the class teacher and see your child's books.

A letter with time allocations will be given out after the holidays. The dates are:

27th November: Reception and Year 1

28th November: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

29th November: Year 4S, Year 5 and Year 6

Harvest collection

The school council delivered our Harvest collection to Bede's Helping Hands. Thank you for your kind donations.

School Dog

Roscoe has settled so well into school and the children have all shown how much they care. They pick up litter to make sure that he doesn't eat things that he shouldn't, and they take turns to play with him outside on the field at lunchtime. Roscoe will begin his training to become a Therapy Dog when he reaches nine months old.

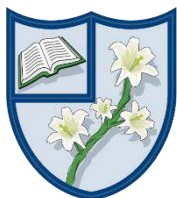
Have a lovely half term holiday,

Mrs. Tumelty
Head of School



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A reminder of up-coming school events

NOVEMBER

- 2nd - Reception Welcome Assembly
- 11th – Remembrance Day, one-minute silence in memory of the ‘fallen’, the office staff will be selling poppies etc. on behalf The Royal British Legion nearer the date.
- 13th – Odd Sock Day. Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week.
- 17th - Non-uniform Day for Children in Need, £1.00 donation on ParentPay Children In Need 2023. Wear something BRIGHT day – football strips are allowed. Staff will be taking part in ‘I’m a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here’

DECEMBER

- 6th – Christmas Fair. Our annual Christmas Fair will take place from 2-4pm in the school hall. Each class will be making Christmas crafts and Santa will be visiting!
- 6th – The Big Sing – our choir will be singing at St Matthew’s Church, they will remain in school and be transported there for it commencing at 6pm (parent/carers of the choir are welcome to attend and must collect at approximately 7pm).
- 12th – EYFS (Nursery) Christmas Party
- 12th – KS1 Christmas party – Reception to Year 2 children should come to school in their party clothes for their party in the afternoon.
- 13th – KS2 (Y3 – Y6) Christmas Disco – starts at 1:30. Children should come to school in their party clothes, pick up from school is at the usual time.
- 14th – Nursery Nativity (pm)
- 15th – Rec, Y1 & Y2 Nativity (pm) 19TH – KS2 (Y3 – Y6) Carol Service in the school hall, starts at 2pm, the office staff will be organising a raffle 50p per strip.
- 20th – Jolly Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch. Those children in KS2 who usually bring a packed lunch but would like to stay for Christmas dinner, can book it on the day in their classroom. A school lunch for this day costs £2.20. Children who bring a packed lunch in KS1 can book a lunch at no cost as they are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, again this can be done on the day. Jolly Jumpers can be worn.
- 22nd- School closes at 1pm



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