



### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Well, what a difference a week can make! Thank you for your understanding this week with so many staff absences, not only in classrooms, but in the office and the kitchens. We have also had a few year groups particularly badly affected with Year Five and Nursery having the highest number of cases.

We have reintroduced several measures this week such as not gathering for assemblies, no singing practice and asking visitors to always wear masks. These are temporary measures while positive cases are high, so that we can all stay safe. It seems strange to be doing this while the news is all about the removal of restrictions, but we have to reflect the situation we have in our school. I think the picture in the South West is not always the same as the rest of the country.

We will continue to email when there are positive cases in your year group so that you can be vigilant and where cases are particularly high, we have suggested daily testing as this catches infection as early as possible and reduces the likelihood of it spreading.

### **Now for some Good News!**

As you have been aware, we have had some supply teachers in school this week. I would love to share with you some extracts from an email sent to me.

*'I can honestly say that in the six years or so that I have been teaching this was one of my happiest days in a classroom.*

*The children were warm, welcoming, full of laughter and tried their very hardest in everything they did yesterday. They were also knowledgeable and keen to share what they know whilst demonstrating that they could wait and listen to others.*

*I would be grateful if you could pass on my enormous thanks to them for making my day such a good one. They are an absolute credit to the school.'*

### **Extra Clothing**

At the moment we are keeping room well ventilated. This means that temperatures are not as warm as usual. If you want to send your children in with an extra layer under their shirts, or a gilet, that is fine.

### **Gate Opening**

Please do not open the school gates. Staff will open the gates at 8.30 and 3.10. If something has happened or staff are absent and do not arrive to open them, please call the office who will open them. Thank you.

### **Library Books**

Please return any library books that you have at home. We currently have **781** books that are overdue or missing and this represents a huge amount of money. If each book is worth at least £5 that is almost £4000!

**Absence Reporting**

Thank you for calling in and letting us know when your children are absent. Please can you make sure that you give us some detail about the reason for absence (not too much!) but it helps with monitoring covid cases. Thank you.

**Week 3**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>
Cheesy Ham Pasta Bake with Homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread and Peas	Willowbrook Stacker Burger with Potato Wedges and Salad	Roast Chicken, Roast or Creamed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	Sausage and Bacon with Sauté Potatoes and Baked Beans	Breaded Fish, French Fries and Veggie Sticks
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>
Butternut Squash Risotto with Homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread and Peas	Vegetable Lasagne with Courgette Pasta, Potato Wedges and Salad	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake, Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables	Roasted Root Vegetables and Vegan Pesto Pasta Bake with Focaccia Bread and Salad	Homemade Vegetable Nuggets, French Fries and Veggie Sticks
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Peach Slice	Sticky Toffee Slice	Fresh Fruit	Banana and Blueberry Muffins	Cookie