



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for returning the Christmas lunch letters so quickly. It is a lovely time of year in school. I was showing some parents around this morning and the reception classes were rehearsing for the Nativity Play. They were in good voice and I cannot wait to watch the finished production.

Absence

I know there is lots of illness about but none of the classes had attendance reaching 90% this week. Most were in the low eighties, which means children doing a 4-day week. Keep up the fruit and veg and keep the colds away!

Top Readers

Well done to the children below who are the top readers for their class on accelerated reader. We have had some good feedback from parents about how much children enjoy using this at home! This is from 13th November to 20th November 2023 inclusive.

3H	Manuel A	5T	Elias C
3KH	Anya M	5W	Luke W
4E	Florence L	6BD	Kacper K
4F	Elijah A	6P	Naomi A.

Music Assembly

Thank you to all the children who performed so well in the music assemblies. It was really impressive! It takes a lot of time and effort to learn an instrument and there are times when you feel like you will never get it right. Your performances were amazing.

PE Kit

The children are enjoying wearing PE kit on the days that they have PE. Can I please ask that they do come in the correct kit, which is a plain white T-shirt, black shorts or black or grey plain joggers. They should still wear a school jumper if they need to. We have had children coming in a range of hoodies and other coloured clothing.

Days for PE

Year 1	Monday/Thursday	Year 4	Friday
Year 2	Wednesday	Year 5	Tuesday/Friday
Year 3	Tuesday/Thursday	Year 6	Monday/Thursday

24th November 2023

Some useful dates for this term

Friday 1st December Non-Pupil Day – school is shut

Tuesday 5th December Christmas Lunch Nursery to Year 2

Thursday 7th December Nursery Nativity 2pm

Thursday 7th December Christmas Lunch years 3,4,5 and 6

Friday 8th December Santa Run for whole school

Friday 8th 2pm Christmas Fair

Monday 11th December Carol Concert at St James' Park for choir (evening)

Wednesday 13th December Reception Nativity 2pm

Thursday 14th December Carol Concert years 1 to 6 after school-details to follow

Friday 15th December Christmas Jumper Day

YEAR 3

What a busy two weeks for Year 3! We had a fantastic time on our residential! We spent time on Hound Tor weaseling through the tight cracks and between the boulders. We enjoyed a night walk and some orienteering! All of the adults were incredibly proud of the children who went on residential.

In our DT unit, we had taste tested ingredients and then designed our own scones! It was lovely to have a hall full of parents come to our afternoon tea! We hope you enjoyed their delicious scones!



In hockey, we have been focusing on our precision and keeping control of the ball. They have been very sensible and playing very carefully with the hockey sticks!

YEAR 4

What a busy week it has been for year 4! Not only have we been learning about and applying new skills such as personification and '3ed' sentences in our English writing, but we have also really started to cement our knowledge of multiplication and division in maths!

The highlight of our week however was definitely on Wednesday on our DT day! We all worked superbly in groups to create our viking longships which we have been learning about and planning over the past few weeks. We were even able to help sawing pieces of wood to the correct size and assemble our ships using hot glue guns!



YEAR 5



We enjoyed watching our classmates performing in the music assembly last week!

Well done to the Year 5 musicians!

YEAR 6



We have had a 'cracking' couple of weeks in year 6. The children have worked 'eggcellently' building their Anderson Shelters in DT. Their challenge was to protect a family of 6 eggs from a 'Blitz' style airstrike. After scrambling around as teams for 2 days, the final designs were no yolk. The majority of the shelters stood up to the challenge and the children worked 'eggpertly' in their teams.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Chicken Pizza with Wedges and Salad Bar	Macaroni Cheese with Focaccia Bread and Peas	Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potato, Carrots and Sweetcorn and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Focaccia and Salad	Chicken Bites, Chips and Baked Beans or Peas
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Vegetable Biryani with Mango Chutney and Salad Bar	Winter Vegetable Frittata with Saute Potatoes and Peas	Halloumi Traybake with Mashed Potatoes, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Leek and Potato Bake, Potato Wedges and Salad	Homemade Vegetable Sausage Roll, Chips and Baked Beans or Peas
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Banana Marble Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Ice Cream Pot Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt