

5th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has flown by and we have been so busy! We have had several new families join us after half term and it is lovely to see how they have been welcomed by their classes. We have now had over twenty new children join the school so far this year (not including early years) and it is a sign of how the school is flourishing.

Kids Matter

We have a fantastic group starting for parents after half term called Kids Matter. It is for parents of children aged 0-10 and led by local people, in a small group. There are no flip charts and 'experts'. The focus is more on sharing experiences and supporting each other and of course, tea and biscuits!

The programme lasts for six weeks and there are four sessions this year and two in January. If you think this might be for you, there is a taster session on **Monday 8th November** in our **Community Room at 9.15am**, so just after dropping off.

If you are interested, please either ask me about it on the school gate, phone 01392 462557 or email kristina@iscachurch.org.uk Class teachers will also have some postcards with details if you ask them.

I promise that you will be made welcome, so please ask if you need help in getting there or trying to decide whether it is for you.

Nursery

I don't think our nursery has ever been busier! As soon as you know you would like a nursery place, it is good to send a form in. You can apply well in advance and we will make a note of when we receive your application. If you make enquiries about nursery, the person that does all of the admin works on a Monday and Tuesday, so that is likely to be when someone will get back to you.

PTA

The PTA are trying to think about things they can do safely to raise funds and to put on events at school, particularly in the run up to Christmas. They are holding a meeting on Thursday 18th December after school in the outdoor classroom on the field and children are welcome to come and play while parents drink tea or coffee and have a biscuit! You will be very welcome as we are a friendly bunch.

Term Dates

These are up to date on the website for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

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Choir

A reminder to be at school for 8.30 if you have got a place in the choir. Children should have all had a letter and the sessions are on a Friday morning each week. This is for years 4, 5 and 6.

School Dinners

Just a reminder that you can pay in advance on the school gateway. Lots of parents are loading it up a month at a time. This really helps us to forecast numbers.

Uniform

Please can all uniform be named. Please can all children make sure they bring a coat to school. The weather is much more unpredictable now, thank you.

Collecting Early

We have had a lot of requests to collect children early recently. We would really appreciate you making routine appointments outside school hours. We do appreciate this is not always possible when it is a hospital appointment or something similar. We will always ask you to bring evidence of an appointment so that we can authorise any absence.

Flu

This has had to be rearranged by the NHS due to staffing issues. They have now said they are coming on 14th December. We have not been sent the link yet for you to give consent. We will send it out as soon as we do.

School Photos

As you are aware, we had to rearrange these due to Covid. They are now to happen on the 19th November.

Road Safety

We have had a number of concerns regarding road safety recently – particularly with children using bikes and scooters. The most recent concern being a child riding fast down the hill outside the school and not looking or stopping at driveway entrances. Please remind your children of the importance of riding carefully, especially with these darker afternoons creeping in!

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
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
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
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 Veggie Nuggets, French Fries and Veggie Sticks
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Peach Slice	Sticky Toffee Slice	Fresh Fruit	Banana and Blueberry Muffins	Cookie