

13th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

We are almost at the end of term...and what a term! We are trying to make things as festive as we can for the children. I know Foundation stage have been recording performances which will be shared on Tapestry and we have a Christmas tree up for the children.

Help with Meals over Christmas

Parents and carers of children currently receiving free school meals will be sent a letter or email with information about how to access their vouchers during the week commencing Monday 7 December 2020. Please look out for it and get in touch with our free school meals team if you were expecting to receive one but didn't. You can email them at freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk or call our education helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019).

If your child does not currently receive free school meals but you think they qualify due to a change in your family circumstances, please apply online through the [Devon Citizen's Portal](#) as soon as possible, and by Friday 18 December at the latest in order to receive the holiday vouchers for this Christmas period.

This is the quickest and easiest way for your eligibility to be assessed and you will get an instant decision. Alternatively, please call our education helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019).

Before and After-School Clubs

A reminder that these are now back up and running. If you would like a place there is a form to complete to register and then after that you simply book on the gateway. Breakfast club opens at 7.45 and the children have breakfast and play games until school starts. After school club now runs from the end of the school day until 6pm. The children have a chance to do any homework, they all read with an adult and then there is a program of activities across the week both indoors and outdoors. It is staffed by staff from school so the children are familiar with them.

Covid

A polite reminder that if children are self-isolating, they should not be mixing with other households. This is so important to keep everyone healthy and prevent spreading the virus.

Christmas Cards

It is fine for children to bring in Christmas cards to school. We have got a post box for each bubble rather than a whole school post box.

School Meals

Please can anyone with outstanding meal debts please settle them as soon as possible? All meals should be paid for in advance, but we know that sometimes people have emergencies!

We are actively encouraging people to pay online using the gateway as this saves us from handling cash in school. You can sign up for the app and this means that we are not charged when sending you text messages.

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Non-Pupil Day

A reminder that the children come back to school on Tuesday 5th January as we have a non-pupil day on Monday.

Monday 7th	Tuesday 8th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10th	Friday 11th
Chicken curry with tomato and coconut Vegetables, rice and naan bread Chick pea and lentil curry with tomato and coconut Vegetables, rice and naan bread	<i>Christmas Lunch for Lower School (up to and including yr 2)</i> <i>Packed lunches provided for Upper School free school meals if ordered</i>	Ham Pizza Potato wedges and baked beans Margherita Pizza Potato wedges and baked beans	<i>Christmas Lunch for Upper School (up to and including yr 3-6)</i> <i>Packed lunches provided for Lower School if ordered</i>	Fish fingers and chips with baked beans Veggie fingers and chips with baked beans
Apricot and raisin flapjack or yoghurt		Fresh fruit yoghurt		Chocolate crispy bar