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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely seeing parents/carers attending parent consultations this week and I know that these meetings are very valuable for both teachers and parents/carers. Some classes are still to have their meetings next week and next Wednesday will be the after school meeting for all classes.

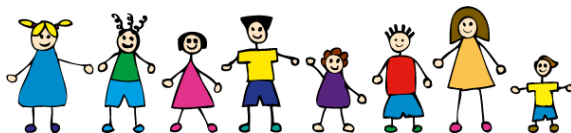


I have met with our school cook this week who has explained that Educaterers, who are our catering company have asked all school cooks to ensure we have sufficient food in stock in the event that we don't receive a delivery as a result of the ongoing situation with a shortage of delivery drivers. On a positive note, we can guarantee that we will always be able to provide your child with a hot meal. However, in the event of a delivery not getting through, we may have to alter the menu from that advertised but we will always make you aware of this as soon as we can.



Just a reminder if you ever have any questions, concerns or queries please speak to any member of staff who will be very happy to help.

Mrs Forshew
Headteacher



Friday 22nd October

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Monday 1st November

- Halloween Non-Uniform Day - see details in newsletter.

- We break up for half term.

- Children return to school.

Unfortunately our School Crossing Patrol outside our school on Victoria Road will not be working for the rest of this half term. During this time could we remind you not to park on the zig zag lines outside school and to be extra vigilant on the roads and park responsibly to keep our children safe.



Year R

We have continued to have fun learning more nursery rhymes in Reception. Last week was all about Miss Polly. We talked about ways to keep healthy and learnt a song to help us wash our hands properly. This week we have enjoyed making our own bus and singing the rhyme The Wheels on the Bus when working outside. We have been doing lots of work sorting and comparing objects by size and amounts. We have started phonics and have learnt to read and write the sounds - m,a,s,d,t. Next week we will be sending home red words (that cannot be sounded out) for your child to learn. Keep up the great work children!



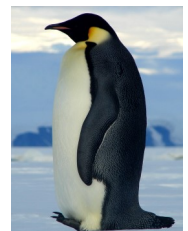
Year 1

Year One are continuing to work very hard and enjoying our topic My World and Me. This week we have been learning all about maps and the symbols we might see on a map. We have been finding out why maps are useful and using them to travel around school. The children have also made their own map of the classroom and tried to include a key to help others read their map. It was very exciting when we launched Google Earth and found our school! In Maths we have been focusing on teen numbers and using tens and ones to make numbers. Well done Year One!



Year 2

We've been really busy in Year 2 learning all about animal food chains and their habitats. We then focused on how an Emperor Penguin is suited to its habitat and the children were excellent at identifying these adaptations. In maths we've continued to develop our addition skills and now we are challenging ourselves onto subtraction. We've had some fantastic home learning coming into school, so thank you to everyone who's been busy learning at home.



Can we ask that girls with long hair wear small red or black bobbles or bows in their hair to tie hair back in place.



Please keep big fashion bows to wear at home. Thank you.

School Photographs

If you still wish to order your child's school photograph and haven't already done so, you can still order direct from Tempest. Please follow the instructions on the back of the proof photograph.



Halloween Non Uniform Day Friday 22nd October -

Next Friday 22th October, we are having a Halloween non uniform day.

Children can come to school dressed in Halloween costumes for a donation of £1.00.

Thank you for your support.



Children absent from school

Please let the school office know if your child is going to be absent from school by 9.30 am on the first day of absence. This can be done by either sending a message on MyEd or telephoning the school on 02476 392236 and press 1 to leave an absence message.

If we do not receive a message, you will be contact via MyEd or a telephone call to see why your child is absent.

If we do not know why your child has been absent, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Late for school

Please make sure your child is on time for school each day.

Year group doors are open between 8.45 am and 8.55 am. Children should be in class ready for registration at 8.55 am. If children arrive after this time they are late and will recorded with a late mark in the register.

Parental Consultations

Parent/Teacher Consultations have been taking place this week and next week, (week beginning 18th October).

These are face to face appointments taking place in school.

If you haven't yet made an appointment, please see your child's class teacher at the end of the school day.



Breaktime snacks

All infant aged children across the country are entitled to a piece of fruit each day as part of the National Fruit Scheme. Fruit is delivered to our school and children are given fruit at breaktime. This is a variety of different fruits each day. Children often surprise parents by trying different fruits at school that they may not eat at home as a result of seeing other children eating the fruit. We understand there are children who only eat certain fruit so parents can send that fruit in if they feel that is necessary. No other snacks other than fruit will be accepted in school as a playtime snack.

Lunchboxes

Whilst we actively promote children to have a school lunch each day (after all they are free for all infant aged children), we know there are a small percentage of children who choose to bring in a packed lunch from home. Please can I politely remind you of the following to keep everyone safe and well in school:

- We are a **nut free school** as we have people in the school community with severe nut allergies. Therefore, nuts of any description are not allowed as part of a packed lunch, this includes sandwich fillings such as nutella or peanut butter.
- Grapes should be cut in half lengthways as although they are a wonderful choice to be included in a packed lunch, they can also be a choking hazard if not cut in half.
- Sweets of any description should not be included in packed lunches - please save these for a treat at home.
- No fizzy drinks or energy drinks.

After School Clubs

Please see separate letter sent home via MyEd this week with details of the clubs we will be offering after half term for Years 1 and 2 and the booking information.

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Booking is now open and will close on Thursday 21st October.

The new block of clubs will start the week beginning 1st November and run for 6 weeks until the week beginning 6th December.



The designated Safeguarding leaders in this school are Mrs Forshaw, Mrs Taroni and Miss Telford. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.



Early years choking hazards food safety advice

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For babies and young children, food can be a choking hazard, especially when they do not chew their food well or they try to swallow it whole.

Choking can happen with any foods, but 'firm foods', bones and small round foods that can easily get stuck in the throat present a higher risk. Therefore, care givers should follow these five essential steps:

- 1** Make sure food is **suitably prepared and served** for babies and children under 5 years old. For suitable foods, see <https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/> Introduce babies to solid foods from around 6 months of age.
- 2** **Think about size, shape and texture of food.** Cut food into narrow batons, avoid round shapes and firm foods. Firm fruit & vegetables can be softened by cooking.
- 3** Ensure that babies and young children are **alert and seated safely upright** in a highchair or appropriately sized low chair whilst eating.
- 4** **Babies and young children should be supervised at all times** while eating. You will be able to identify the early signs of choking and prevent harm.
- 5** **Encourage babies and young children to chew food well.** Teach children how to chew and swallow food properly, and ensure they take their time during meals. This will reduce their risk of choking.

Care givers and parents should be familiar with how to respond to a choking incident in line with guidance on first aid for children:

How to stop a child from choking: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/>

How to resuscitate a child: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/>

Early years food choking hazards



Below is a table of advice on key foods for care givers who are involved with preparing and serving food for babies and young children (under 5 years old)

Vegetable and fruits	Advice
Pips or stones in fruit	Always check beforehand and remove hard pips or stones from fruit.
Small fruits	Cut small round fruits like grapes, cherries, berries, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, into small pieces: cut lengthways and then again cut them in halves (quarters).
Large fruits and firm fruits	Cut large fruits like melon and firm fruits like apple into slices instead of small chunks. For very young children, consider grating or mashing firm fruits, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.
Vegetables	Cut vegetables like carrots, cucumber and celery into narrow batons. For very young children consider grating or mashing firm vegetables and legumes like butter beans, chickpeas and tofu, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.
Skin on fruit and vegetables	Consider removing the skin from fruit and vegetables, especially for very young children. Peeled fruit and vegetables can be swallowed more easily.
Cooking fruit and vegetables	Consider softening firm fruit and vegetables (such as carrots, broccoli, yam and apples) by steaming or simmering until soft. Serve cut into slices or narrow batons.
Meat and fish	Advice
Sausages and hot dogs	Cut sausages and hot dogs into short strips. Cut them in half and then lengthways or as thinly as possible. Peeling the skin off the sausages helps them to be swallowed more easily.
Meat or fish	Remove bones from meat or fish. Cut meat into strips as thinly as possible. Remove skin and fat from meat and fish, it will help the food pass smoothly down the throat.
Cheese	Advice
Grate or cut cheese	Grate or cut cheese into short strips. Cut lumps of cheese as narrow as possible.
Nuts and seeds	Advice
Chop or flake whole nuts	Chop or flake whole nuts, peanuts and seeds. Whole nuts should not be given to children under five years old.
Bread	Advice
White bread and other breads	White bread can form a ball shape with a dough-like texture at the back of a child's throat, if not chewed properly. Brown bread or toasted white bread are good alternatives. Cut bread, chapatis, naan bread and other breads into narrow strips.
Snacks and other foods	Advice
Popcorn	Do not give babies and young children popcorn.
Chewing gum and marshmallows	Do not give babies and young children chewing gum or marshmallows.
Peanut butter	Do not give babies and young children peanut butter on its own, only use as a spread.
Jelly cubes	Do not give babies and young children raw jelly cubes.
Boiled sweets and ice cubes	Do not give babies and young children boiled, hard, gooey, sticky or cough sweets, or ice cubes.
Raisins and other dried fruits	Do not give babies under the age of 1 whole raisins or dried fruits. Cut them into small pieces.

Make sure food is prepared appropriately for children under 5 years old, see: <https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/>

It is also advisable that care givers are familiar with how to respond to a choking incident, see: How to stop a child from choking: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/> and How to resuscitate a child: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/>

School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Week 1 W/c Mondays 1/11, 22/11, 13/12, 3/1/22, 24/1, 14/2, 7/3, 28/3, 2/5, 20/6, 11/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Pork sausages	Quorn Noodles	Jacket Potato *	Tuna mayo sandwich
Tue	BBQ chicken wrap	Free range omelette	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Wed	Roast Pork or Gammon	Vegetable Korma	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Thurs	Beef Bolognese	Cheese and Potato pie	Jacket Potato *	Ham Sandwich
Fri	Salmon Fishcake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato *	Egg Mayo Bap

- Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.

Week 2 W/c Mondays 18/10, 8/11, 29/11, 10/1/22, 31/1, 14/3, 4/4, 9/5, 6/6, 27/6, 18/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Pork Meatballs	Veggie Sausages	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Sausage and bacon Omelette	Quorn Korma	Jacket Potato *	Roast chicken wrap
Wed	Roast beef in gravy	Quorn Bolognese with noodles	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Thur	Chicken pie	Breadcrumbs vegetable fingers	Jacket Potato *	Tuna mayo sandwich
Fri	Gluten free breaded fish	Quorn Nuggets	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap

Week 3 W/c Mondays 15/11, 6/12, 17/1/22, 7/2, 28/2, 21/3, 25/4, 16/5, 13/6, 4/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Cheese and Tomato pizza	Veggie balls in tomato sauce	Jacket Potato *	Cheese sandwich
Tue	Organic Beef grill in a bun	Cheesy pasta bake	Jacket Potato *	Chicken wrap
Wed	Roast chicken	Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato *	Tuna mayo soft bap
Thur	Beef and Tomato Fusilli	Veggie hot dog	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Fri	Gluten free breaded fish fingers	Broccoli and Sweetcorn Pasta	Jacket Potato *	Cheese wrap

9AM - 4PM

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Term dates—school year 2021 - 2022



W/b Monday 11th October	- Parental Consultations - See in newsletter.
W/b Monday 18th October	- Parental Consultations - See in newsletter.
Friday 22nd October	- We break up for half term.
Monday 1st November	- Children return to school.
Friday 17th December	- We break up for Christmas holidays.
Tuesday 4th January	- Warwickshire Training Day - School closed to children.
Wednesday 5th January	- Children return to school.
Friday 18th February	- We break up for half term.
Monday 28th February	- Children return to school.
Friday 8th April	- We break up for Easter holidays.
Monday 25th April	- Children return to school.
Monday 2nd May	- May Day.
Friday 27th May	- We break up for half term.
Monday 6th June	- Staff training day - School closed to children.
Tuesday 7th June	- Children return to school.
Thursday 21st July	- We break up for Summer holidays.

