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Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas is coming!

As well as the news this week that we may be able to have more of a family Christmas this year, staff in school have been arranging some Christmas activities for pupils in the run up to the break. Our plans are:



Friday 4th December: Christmas dress up “make a memory” day. We would like to invite pupils to come into school in either a Christmas Jumper or themed in a Christmas outfit etc. Our classrooms will be decorated, and we will take a photograph of your child with a Christmas backdrop. Teachers will then help the pupils to create a “Christmas memory” item (photo frame, card, calendar etc). We will seal these on the 11th December to ensure they are safe to be brought home at the end of the school term. Children in Early years will be able to dress up in the nativity outfits we have in school for their picture. We know this doesn't replace the Christmas Nativity Play pictures, but will mean that you have a memory item for the future. **No photos will be put on Facebook / website; please let your child's class teacher know if you don't want them to take a photo.**

W/C 14th December: Whole school online pantomime. School has subscribed to the Online Pantomime which has been produced for schools and families. This link is here in case you would like to buy a ticket to watch it at home. We will be watching this in our classrooms as part of our Christmas celebrations!

<https://pantoonline.co.uk/schools-groups>

PANTO ONLINE

SCHOOLS & GROUPS

This Christmas Panto Online will stream JACK AND THE BEANSTALK directly into homes, schools, care homes and anywhere else you wish to connect your WIFI for the perfect festive treat.

We promise you boos, cheers, 'he's behind you'... oh no he isn't!, a sing-a-long songsheet plus all the classic panto antics that we love.

SCHOOLS

What do I get for booking as a school?

Online production of Jack and The Beanstalk: Password protected link available from the 7 - 18 December (running time approx 1hr 10min). Can be viewed multiple times during this period enabling year groups/'bubbles' to watch in safety.

- An interactive, pre-filmed creative workshop
- Learning Activities
- A 'Blue Peter style make' video

Live zoom Session:

There will be an opportunity to take part in a pre-planned live zoom session for shout outs, birthdays and special mentions with Peter Duncan as Dame Trott and special guests - timeslots must be booked in advance.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

W/C 14th December: Christmas class party week

Your child's class teacher will be arranging a class party day for your child. They will let you know the day that this is happening. Pupils can come into school wearing party clothes for the day. We will organise for some party food and activities within the class bubble. This year we will provide all of the items and food; please don't send in donations.

Getting ready for the break – keeping safe

Again, a reminder about facemasks on the school playground. Please put the safety of others first and put on a face covering when coming to the school playground.



Warm meals, cold days

We know that parents would like their children to have a warm meal during the day. The school dinner menu provides lots of warm options for children; perhaps consider signing up over the next few weeks and give them a try! If you read the current menu, you will see it has warm options **that do not spill or risk scalding others eating in the classroom next to them:**

W/c Monday, 23 November 2020				
Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27
Handmade Pizza Margherita (V) Wrap (choice of fillings) CPU/POD ----- Carrot Sticks (picnic) Frubes Yogurt Tube ----- Shortbread	Pork Sausage Roll Bread Roll (cheese or ham) Vegetarian Sausage Roll ----- Cucumber Sticks (picnic) Apple ----- Chocolate Sponge	Turkey Burger Boguettes (choice of fillings) CPU/POD Crumbed Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Solod (VG) ----- Mixed Pepper Sticks (picnic) Frubes Yogurt Tube ----- Fruity Flapjack	Crunchy Chicken Wraps Sandwich (Cheese or Ham) BBQ Vegetable Nugget & Solod Wrap (VG) ----- Carrot Sticks (picnic) Banana ----- Marble Sponge (Concept)	Fish Finger & Solod Bun Boguettes (choice of fillings) CPU/POD ----- Cucumber Sticks (picnic) Frubes Yogurt Tube ----- Lancashire Cookie (DF) (VG)
W/c Monday, 30 November 2020				
Monday 30	Tuesday 01	Wednesday 02	Thursday 03	Friday 04
Handmade Pizza Margherita (V) Bread Roll (cheese or ham) ----- Carrot Sticks (picnic) Easy Peeler ----- Shortbread (sultana)	Beefburger in a Bun with Solod Boguettes (choice of fillings) CPU/POD Crumbed Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Solod (VG) ----- Cucumber Sticks (picnic) Frubes Yogurt Tube ----- Vanilla Sponge (concept)	Cheese & Tomato melts (V) Wrap (choice of fillings) Cheese or Ham Ham and Cheese Melts ----- Mixed Pepper Sticks (picnic) Apple ----- Crispy Biscuits	Pork Sausage Roll Boguettes (choice of fillings) CPU/POD Vegetarian Sausage Roll ----- Carrot Sticks (picnic) Frubes Yogurt Tube ----- Lemon Sponge (concept)	Fish Finger & Solod Wrap Sandwich (Choice of Fillings) V0 ----- Cucumber Sticks (picnic) Banana ----- Chocolate Cookie

For pupils on packed lunches, we have noticed that parents are wanting to send warm options. We understand this, especially with us needing to keep the windows open. **The best option for a warm meal is a in-school lunch; these are warm food options suited to eating in the classroom (i.e. not liquid or scalding hot).**

We do need to ensure that children are not at risk of scalding due to hot food. For that reason, please see the following guidance around school packed lunches:

Lunch time staff do not routinely touch and open pupil packed lunches, particularly in the current pandemic. Be sure that your child can manage what has been put in their lunch box.

Packed lunches **should not** contain:

Hot liquids (soups, drinks etc.). These can spill and scald, and many children do not know how to open and seal the containers properly. Even if your child is safe, think about the children sitting next to them.

Packed lunches **can** contain warm foods if they are:

Food stuffs that do not spill and spread (e.g. non-liquid) e.g. pasta which has been kept in an insulated thermos style container, warmed sausage roll / pasty wrapped in foil etc. If it is hot and likely to spill and spread, please don't send it in.

We will keep this under review, we hope this will work for parents and families.

Free School Meal vouchers over the Christmas period

In order to receive a voucher over the Christmas period you must ensure the school has your correct email address. Please check this before we break up. There will be no staff in work over the Christmas period to help you once we close.

Sanitiser and soap

We know that the regular handwashing routine can be a challenge for us all, and especially children with soft and sensitive skin. We are required to have a regular hand washing and sanitising routine to keep everyone safe. You are welcome to provide hand sanitiser of your choosing and hand crème for your child if you so wish. Please inform your child's class teacher if you do so and be aware that your child is required to look after it.



Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies within school. You can find details of these on our website under Parents/Latest News/Career Vacancies.

Attendance information

Please see attendance information below for the school. We are expected by the government to promote and require regular and punctual attendance; this week we have been reviewing attendance and contacting families where we may have a concern around non-COVID related absence. Please work with the school to continue to ensure your child receives their right to regular and punctual school attendance.

This week's attendance:

Nursery	92.31%
Reception	95.92%
Year 1	96.94%
Year 2	97.48%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	95.26%
Year 5	96.13%
Year 6	84.18%

Well done Year 3 on 100% attendance this week!