



Friday 12th February  
2021

Dear Families,

I cannot quite believe the end of half term is finally here. I know this has felt like one of the longest half terms ever, both for those of you who are doing an amazing job of supporting your children and home, and to those who have been working so hard to keep the country going as Critical workers whose children have been in school. I know I have told you all on many occasions what an amazing job I think you are all doing, your support for your children and for the school is also fantastic and means so much to all of us beavering away in school. I would like to also take the opportunity for a 'shout out' to our amazing Team Binstead staff, who have, overnight (again!) transformed the way they teach to enable your children to learn both in school and at home. It is no mean feat to try to teach a class group of children AND teach those at home effectively, and I am sure you will join me in thanking them all for the AMAZING job they have done and continue to do.

I am, as I am sure you are too, eagerly awaiting the information that is due from the Government on the 22nd February letting us know their plans for how the country (and schools) can start to ease out of Lockdown, and how that will happen. As soon as we know anything, you know we will be taking our time to put the best plan together as possible to keep our community as safe as we can and to support your children with the transition back into school. At the moment though, your guess is as good as mine as to when that will be safe to happen, and what that will look like.

Usually in schools, this half term feels like one of the hardest of the year. Dark mornings, dark evenings, rain and cold weather all contribute to it being a tricky one for everyone in schools, and we must remember that, even though this year you are all experiencing that exhaustion at home too, it is completely normal for this time of year. However, just around the corner is Spring. I have already noticed it is lighter in the evenings, the crocuses are out in bloom and I am so looking forward to some warmer days ahead (although you all know I love the snow!). We will be able to face whatever challenges the next half term throws at us all together, just as we have done since the start of the pandemic.

On **Thursday 4th March** it is World Books Day. We would love to still celebrate this even though we won't all be in school. If your child attends school on that day they can come in dressed as their favourite book character, and we would love for any of our children to join in at home too. We will have an opportunity to share costumes with each other throughout the day online.

Please note that I am still required (as at Christmas) to be available for NHS Track and Trace over the half term. Please can you inform me ASAP if your child has a positive test result for COVID—19 over the half term holiday. Please email [covid@binsteadpri.co.uk](mailto:covid@binsteadpri.co.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as I can. If you could include your phone number in the email, I will contact you directly. Thank you.

Finally it remains for me to wish you all a fantastic half term break. You have all worked so hard this term, I hope you all manage a well—earned break.

With very best wishes, and thank you all for your continued support of Team Binstead.





## JIGSAW FAMILY SUPPORT

### Food and Toiletries Parcels

ROMAN HOUSE  
RINK ROAD, RYDE  
PO33 1LP

As a charity we are reaching out to our local community to offer our support to pupils and their families. During the current Covid-19 pandemic, we recognise that more families are struggling during these challenging times.

We are providing toiletries and food parcels for collection from our centre. This is not means tested. All we ask is for the family surname and size of the family.

To collect parcels we ask that you call in advance to book in a slot.

We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturdays from 10am till 5pm.

Contact us: Email – [info@jigsawfamilysupport.com](mailto:info@jigsawfamilysupport.com)

Telephone – 01983 639 793

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We know that some family's circumstances may have changed recently.

If you think your child should now be eligible for free school meals, you can apply online via the IW

Council website

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/iwforms/form.aspx?k=freesm>



## COVID Emergency Menu

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b>	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with couscous	Sausages / Vegetable Sausages with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
	Vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
	Dessert	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	Fruit and Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit Salad
<b>Week Two</b>	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with couscous	Sausage Roll / Mexican Vegan Roll with Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Maccaroni Cheese with garlic bread	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
	Vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
	Dessert	Lemon & Orange Shortbread	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit and Ice Cream	Fruit Sponge Cake	Oaty Cookie

## MILK OR DAIRY FREE MENU

AS ABOVE EXCEPT MONDAY AND THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK. ONLY FILLED JACKET POTATOES AVAILABLE THOSE DAYS (BEANS OR TUNA)

### Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes (where advertised)
- Freshly Baked Bread
- Salad Bowl
- Fresh Fruit

### ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

**HALF TERM ACTIVE PHOTO CHALLENGE**

**Send us a photo of your activity and you could win a £10 voucher**

**ISLE BE ACTIVE** **Send your photo to [sports.unit@iow.gov.uk](mailto:sports.unit@iow.gov.uk)** 

**\*\*Half Term Challenge\*\***

Get active this half term and share your action shot to be in with a chance of winning a voucher from a local shop.

Whether it's a home workout, cycle ride or walk in your local area let's all stay active!

Enter as many photos as you like, the more you submit the better your chances of winning! To enter send your action selfie to [sports.unit@iow.gov.uk](mailto:sports.unit@iow.gov.uk) by midnight on Sunday 21 February. 5 winners will be selected at random and will be able to select a voucher to spend at Love Running, Rapanui, Wight Trash or Adrian's Bike Shop.

Please remember to stay safe this half term. Make space from people who aren't in your household or bubble when getting your action selfie!

#HandsFaceSpace #KeepTheIslandSafe