



Friday 7th January 2022

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. It has been so lovely to see the children back in with huge smiles on their faces this week ready for their learning. What a great start to 2022!

Last term our Year 4s had a fantastic experience with Forest Schools on our school site. This term Year 6 will be taking part on Monday afternoons. Please see the information emailed and on Class Dojo for your information regarding the clothing the children will need (warm, as water-proof as possible and old so it doesn't matter what happens to it outside).

Many of you will have seen the news over the Christmas break about how schools have been advised to manage staff shortages due to isolations. The DfE have specified that leaders should consider 'merging' classes. I want to reassure you that we will only do this in exceptional circumstances, if we are unable to either internally cover absence, or unable to get supply teachers. It is not a decision we will make lightly. We will only close classes if we are advised to do so by Public Health, or if we cannot safely staff the school/classes and this will be an absolute last resort. Whilst we hope that none of this needs to happen, I know this term is likely to be inevitably affected by isolations (hopefully without any poorly children or staff) and we will continue to do our best to keep our community as safe as we possibly can. This will include staff wearing face coverings in communal spaces, additional cleaning, ventilation in the classrooms and other areas, hand hygiene for all, and communicating with you all regarding any cases in classes so you can follow any government advice accordingly. Thank you all for your help with being vigilant at home, this has really helped to (relatively) keep cases down within our community so far.

With our apologies for the delay, we are still working on getting the class Christmas Play songs onto class Dojo for you all to enjoy. We are currently battling with technical difficulties and staffing shortages to get it to you. Fingers crossed it won't be long.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to move over onto our ParentPay system. If you haven't already, please make sure you do so as soon as possible, as this will be one of the main ways we communicate with you (emails will be sent in this way, along with the Buzz), as it will send our emails for us. If you have any problems setting up, give the office a call and we will help you through it.

We will be sending the new clubs list out early next week, and clubs will start the week after.

Have a great weekend everyone and best wishes,

Mrs Chessell

Next week's	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Sausage and Mash	Roast Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Fish fingers
Option 2	Vegetable Bolognaise	Noodles	Vegetable Pie	Chickpea and Potato Curry	Tomato Veggie Burger and
Dessert	Flapjack with fruit slices	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Peach Shortbread Pudding	Vanilla Ice Cream

Cheese, Beans or Cheese and Beans Jacket potato, tomato pasta, yoghurt and fruit available daily

Year 3 Swimming Badges If you have ordered your child's swimming badge, they have arrived and will be presented soon.

If you didn't order but would like one, please bring £3 in a named envelope on Monday and we will put a second order in on Tuesday. Thank you

Reception Class would be very grateful for any rolls of left-over wallpaper.

Thank you

