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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents / Carers

The Spring term is now well underway. Our children have re-settled well and their new books are already showing good progress. [New this week is our homework policy.](#) Please watch out for this coming home this week and look in your child's book bag. In addition to this, you will also be getting your child's homework in a different format – watch out for our new 'homework menus' making their way home this week.

Our [Ofsted HMI monitoring report](#) is now available to view on the Ofsted website – watch out for a link on our school website too. On Tuesday, 23rd January, I will be holding an Ofsted/School Development Plan update meeting for parents at 9.15am and 2.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

This Thursday, 18th January, is our [Stay and Read](#) for Reception class pupils and parents – I hope you will be able to join us in the school library. There will be tea and coffee available for parents.

On the subject of reading, which is one of my great passions in primary schools, I would like to draw your attention to an initiative we are looking to run in the near future. This is called 'FRED' (Fathers Reading Every Day). This is a four week programme designed to get you into the habit of reading to your child every day. What happens is that you read to your children for at least 15 minutes a day for the first 2 weeks, and at least 30 minutes a day for the second 2 weeks. It's that simple, but you'll be amazed at the results. [If you are interested in taking part, please can you call in at the school office and leave your name and a contact number.](#)

[PLEASE ALSO SEE THE NOTE BELOW REGARDING OUR 'SOCIAL EATING DAY' WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE THIS THURSDAY, 18TH JANUARY.](#)**

Again, thank you all for your continued support – every day, our children make me so proud and I very much enjoy working with you all.

Kindest regards

Miss G Wilson
Head of School

SOCIAL EATING DAY



This Thursday, we are encouraging all children to have a school lunch. THE MENU IS PIZZA AND CHIPS. IF PREFERRED, CHILDREN CAN HAVE A SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms, alongside their class teachers. Tables will be specially arranged so that children are able to sit in small groups so that they are able to chat amongst their friends. As a school with a caring ethos, one of our current aims is encouraging children to talk and develop the art of conversation during meal times. This is a vital part of communication which is sadly being lost in our busy lives. We do hope that as many children as possible will be able to participate in our 'Social Eating Day'. *Just put your child down for a school lunch on Thursday, then they are able to fully participate in the activity.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT DINNER MONEY WILL INCREASE IN JANUARY TO £1.70 PER DAY, £8.50 PER WEEK.
NURSERY DINNER MONEY WILL INCREASE TO £1.50 PER DAY.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

In nursery, we have started our new topic around the Big Bad Wolf and the Three Little Pigs. We have been reading stories, singing songs, counting and finding out about wolves in general.

What we are learning in Reception

In maths, we are looking at money and learning how to add pennies together. In English, we are hoping to go out and look at local buildings and think about the materials they are made from.

What we are learning in Year 1

In maths, children are looking at place value of numbers up to 20. In English, children are using their writing skills to learn how to write a story with a beginning, middle and ending.

What we are learning in Year 2

In maths, children are continuing their work on division this week. In English this week, we are on the reading phase in our sequence of learning for English. Here, we are working on our reading comprehension skills.

What we are learning in Year 3

Our focus for maths this week is on developing a secure written method for multiplication and division. In English, we will be completing the reading phase, which has a key focus on developing reading comprehension skills.

What we are learning in Year 4

The maths focus this week for year 4 is on multiplication and the learning of multiplication tables. In English, we are starting our grammar phase, and this will have a focus on looking at how speech is represented in stories.

What we are learning in Year 5

In maths this week, we are beginning to look at fractions and how to compare and order them. In English, we will be starting our grammar phase, looking at relative clauses and the use of commas to add detail and help with clarity in our sentences.

What we are learning in Year 6

In maths, we are learning how to calculate the area of simple and compound shapes. In English, we will be identifying the features of non-fiction texts.

Eden Suite

In maths, children will be focussing on counting and number work. In English we will be completing activities based around the Gruffalo story.



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 15th JANUARY 2018

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.

Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY 15 th JANUARY 2018	Port sausage (Gluten free) Halal Veggie soya shepherd's pie	Pineapple upside down cake Fruit cheese cake
TUESDAY 16 th JANUARY 2018	Roast beef dinner Halal pasta bolognaise Vegetable roll	Apple crumble Oat cookie
WEDNESDAY 17 th JANUARY 2018	Beef lasagne Halal chicken Tikka Masala Quorn burger	Orange drizzle cake Fruit jelly
THURSDAY 18 th JANUARY 2018	Cheese and tomato pizza	Chocolate and mandarin sponge Fresh fruit salad
FRIDAY 19 th JANUARY 2018	Gluten free fish fillet Vegetable soya bolognaise	Jam sponge Decorated bun