

Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message

As we near the end of term, I would like to thank parents and carers for their support. It has been a difficult time and an increase in levels of Covid more recently and restrictions have caused more anxieties. Many children have felt isolated as they have not been able to mix with other friends or family out of school and we know that parents too have missed not being able to come to school and socialise with other parents and speak to staff on the playground. However, on a positive note, we have managed to keep things as normal as possible for the children. The staff have worked incredibly hard to deliver an engaging curriculum, following the health and safety guidelines as well as covering for other staff when needs arise. Thank you for your patience. We know that it has been difficult for you to manage the new drop off and collection systems and there have been some concern about sending the children to school but you have done so and all is working well and always improving.

Although you are unable to come in to school please continue to communicate with us by telephoning or contacting via Dojo to ask questions or share concerns. Whilst Dojo is a very efficient way to communicate with teachers please try and message during working hours unless it is urgent. Staff have at least 30 parents as their Dojo contacts and are receiving many messages in the evenings or weekends. If that is the best time for you then continue to message at that time but know that you may have to wait until the next working day for a response. Please could you also monitor your child whilst on the internet or on Dojo as there have been some children who have been trying to access the teachers accounts.

We still have 2 busy weeks to go before the end of term but I will take this opportunity now to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Sending best wishes to all our families with the hope that in the new year we can enjoy being together again.

Information

Attendance

It is pleasing to see some improvement in attendance. However, there are still many children arriving late. In order not to mix bubbles we can only take children in to school a year group at a time which means that others have longer to wait. This results in the children being even later into class. Please aim to be at the gate at 8.40am as once the class has come through it will be locked.

Please remember to wear face covering and maintain social distancing whilst waiting at the gates.

Christmas

We have made plans to make Christmas in school the best we can in light of all the restrictions that are in place. We will still have a Christingle service but it will be on zoom with the new Curate of St. Peter's Church, Naeem Bahadur. He will also be leading a Christmas assembly to share the Christmas story and it's importance to Christians.

Isolating

If you child has to isolate because a member of the family has been tested positive for Covid 19, he/she will be sent information about on line learning and the work that needs to be completed at home. If you do not have access to technology, hard copies will be sent to you. School may be able to arrange to offer you WiFi toggles which gives you access to the internet at home. Some lessons will be live on zoom others will be sent via Dojo. Teachers will pass on more detailed information about the work and on line learning should your child need to isolate.

Year 2

Class 2 have had lots of fun learning about the Great fire of London and something special will be uploaded onto dojo on Friday!



Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to having breakfast with Santa next week!

Accessing the internet

We have had a small number of SIM Cards delivered to school. If you are struggling to access the internet from home in order for your child to complete homework or access sites such as Numbots, Spelling Shed, Timetables Rock star and Flash Academy, Please get in touch via the school office and we may be able to support you with this.

Year 6

The children had a fantastic week at The Vine Centre learning all about evolution and adaptation as well as learning about University and career choices for the future. They also developed their teamwork and confidence through working in groups to present their learning.



The best thing about the programme was how kind the teachers were because even during the virus they still wanted to teach us! - Sukai



This week, I learnt what a prospectus was and that there are different societies! -Abdullah



Something I learnt this week was that thumbs help us do more grateful for them! -Junayd



Free Family Learning

The National Ice Centre, The Renewal Trust, Experian and Nottingham City Council have teamed up to deliver FREE online family learning.

The training is Family values, Money and Me online workshops and will be delivered via zoom.

For more information please see the information leaflet attached.

They are offering a FREE FAMILY SKATE IN 2021 for every family that completes the training!



Join our family learning tutors for an interactive Zoom Session

Listen along and read the online storybook

Discuss the dilemmas as a family

Play the activity

Check your families learning with a quiz

Sessions will be interactive and delivered via Zoom so you can watch along together as a family and join in the activities.

To sign up, visit – <http://bit.ly/VMM-Signup>

Book your place now as we only have a limited number of spaces. Every family who completes a workshop will get the opportunity to join us for a free family skate in 2021

Families can choose one of four sessions:

- Tuesday 1st December, 6pm-7pm
- Thursday 3rd December, 6pm-7pm
- Tuesday 8th December, 6pm-7pm
- Tuesday 15th December, 6pm-7pm



Packed Lunch idea Tuna and bean salad recipe

Ingredients



3 tsp olive oil
Juice of ½ lemon
Large pinch of dried mixed herbs
Large pinch of mustard powder
Large pinch of black pepper
1 slice of pepper, chopped
2 spring onions, sliced
3cm piece of cucumber, chopped
1 heaped tbsp canned mixed beans in water, drained
½ x 160g can of tuna in spring water, drained
To serve: 1 thick slice of wholemeal bread and lower-fat spread

Method

1
Mix the oil, lemon juice, mixed herbs, mustard powder and black pepper.

2
Add to the salad vegetables, beans and tuna and mix gently.
Double the recipe to use the rest of the can of tuna and save for the next day.

3
Serve with the bread and lower-fat spread.

This would also work well with cold pasta as a pasta salad, instead of serving with bread.