

03.12.2021

Dear Parents/carers,

A shorter letter from me this time round, with an update on the COVID situation in school and an exciting announcement about our new school caterers.

COVID

From the start of this term we have been careful and cautious about reopening school. Staff have been wearing facemasks in communal areas, we have kept visitors to only the most essential and increased ventilation wherever possible. Our children have remained in their phase bubbles, only coming together in the dining hall and outdoors on the playground.

Unfortunately, we are now experiencing our second COVID outbreak at New Park and I have taken the decision to cancel our usual family Christmas events. This means that our EYFS children will again be filming a short nativity in place of a whole-school performance at church and our KS2 theatre trip to Leeds will be postponed until later in the year. We are still pressing ahead with our Christmas celebration day in school, but will not be inviting parents to attend this year. I desperately hope we will soon be able to open school up to visitors and family events but my overriding priority now is keeping children and staff safe. The last thing anybody wants is their Christmas plans ruined by a last-minute positive PCR test.



Christmas present pressure

Christmas can put all of us under financial pressure, particularly with the cost of children's toys, books and clothes. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity shown by our school community in our drive to offer free gifts to families who will find buying gifts a struggle this year. Please speak to Mrs Lee by email or phone and we can discreetly offer you a wide selection of presents and stocking-fillers

School meals

I am thrilled to announce that we have completed a tender process and appointed Aspens as our new school caterers from January. We are passionate about healthy, happy eating and I am excited about the changes you and the children will see in the coming months. Next week, every child will receive a letter with their code to use the online menu selection tool. This means you will be able to choose the meals your children have and the days they choose school dinners. Every child needs to sign-up to the service in order to choose from the menu, whether you pay for school meals or not. Sample menus will be sent out with the letters and we hope to run taster sessions and information events for families as soon as COVID allows.

Best wishes,

Mr Mold

FOOD FESTIVAL By Aspens					WEEK ONE
	MONDAY Family Faves	TUESDAY Authentic Italian	WEDNESDAY Baking British	THURSDAY Food Festival	FRIDAY Fun Day
Option 1	Minced Beef & Onion Pie Mash & Carrots	Beef Bolognese Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Roasties and Fresh Vegetables Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala Wholegrain Rice Spiced Roast Cauliflower	Fish Fingers Salmon or Pollock Wedges and Peas
Option 2	Veggie Bangers & Mash Carrots	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Balli Wholegrain Rice	Cheese & Tomato Quiche Roasties and Fresh Vegetables	Quorn Dipper Wholegrain Rice Spiced Roast Cauliflower	Cheesy Bean Wrap Wedges and Peas
Packed Lunch	Pick and Mix Packed Lunch Freshly filled sandwich, self help salad bar, yoghurt or piece of fruit				
Jacket Potatoes	Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Tasty Toppings				
The Finale	Selection of fresh fruit or yoghurt	Selection of fresh fruit or yoghurt	Selection of fresh fruit or yoghurt	Selection of fresh fruit or yoghurt	Selection of fresh fruit or yoghurt
Homemade Bread and Salad available every day					
Autumn / Winter 2021 w/c 03/01, 24/01, 14/02					

▲ Meat ▼ Veggie ◆ Jacket Potato ■ Packed Lunch