

17.12.2021

Dear Parents/carers,

### New Park Christmas

I know many of you have already seen and shared our fabulous Christmas film. If you haven't yet watched it, you're in for a treat! Every child is involved either singing or sharing the Christmas story and there are some great clips from our Christmas party day. A big thank you to Miss Foster for expertly pulling all the clips together into one place. Watch it here: <https://fb.watch/9Y9bTgoDVI/>

### School meals sign up

Our new caterers, Aspens, begin serving school dinners next term. If your child receives a school dinner, you must have set up an account for them and chosen your meals online. Every child needs to sign-up to the service in order to choose from the menu, whether you pay for school meals or not. You can sign up at <https://select.aspens-services.com>. Use the school code (229571) and enter your child's name and access code (included on the information letter)



FOOD FESTIVAL					WEEK ONE
By Aspens					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>Family Faves</b>	<b>Authentic Italian</b>	<b>Baking British</b>	<b>Food Festival</b>	<b>Fun Day</b>
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/e 03/01, 24/01, 14/02					
<span style="color:red">▲</span> Meat <span style="color:green">▼</span> Veggie <span style="color:blue">●</span> Jacket Potato <span style="color:yellow">●</span> Packed Lunch					

### Community Hub

The Community Hub has been a fantastic resource for our school and community since it opened in October. Sophia, the grocery manager, and her team of volunteers have over 138 families from our school and the local area signed up to the grocery, that's hundreds more children fed and families supported. Mrs Lee's coffee mornings have been well-attended each week and we hope to start these up again in the new year. From January, we hope to be offering a drop-in playgroup on Thursday mornings as well.

### Grocery opening

The New Park Community Grocery will be open on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December between 9:30-3:30 and will then be closed until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. There is a special Christmas Eve opening from 6-9pm but slots should be booked here:

<https://bit.ly/3pGK0tv>

### Family Support

I am really proud of the way we have supported families this term and of how selfless our community has been. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate hundreds of Christmas presents to school families. Resurrected Bikes donated refurbished bicycles for us to give away and Rumblin' Tums and Asda also provided presents for children.

### Special Educational Needs

Our SENDCo, Mrs Umpleby, ran two drop-in sessions for parents this term; one in the community hub and one at the community centre on the base. Thank you to everyone who attended – we will continue to offer these sessions each term. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please make an appointment to speak with her.

### COVID

None of us can predict what decisions will be made as cases continue to rise on a daily basis. We anticipate that school will open on 4<sup>th</sup> January as planned, even if restrictions are increased nationally. I will write to all parents with an update before the first day of term.

Have a very happy Christmas, I hope you all get to spend much-needed time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

Merry Christmas

Mr Mold



**New Park Community Grocery Opening Hours**

**We will be open**

Tues 21st 9.30-3.30  
Thurs 23rd **CLOSED**  
Fri 24th 18:00 – 21:00 but you will need to book in advance. See below for more info.\*  
CLOSED 25Dec2021 to 3JAN2022.  
Reopening Tues 4th Jan at **12noon**-3.30pm (last entrance at 3pm)

**\* Christmas Eve evening Community Grocery**

New Park Community Grocery will be open from 6-9pm on Christmas Eve so that our members can come and shop for their Christmas dinner. For the past 3 Christmas Eves, Resurrected Bites has been collecting food from all of the supermarkets in the area when they close on Christmas Eve evening. We usually intercept a huge amount of fresh food that would have gone to landfill but is still in date and perfect quality. We are doing the same this year. Obviously, we cannot guarantee how much we will intercept but we expect that everyone who books to come in to shop will go home with a large quantity of food. Therefore, book your slot now to avoid disappointment.  
<https://bit.ly/3pGK0tv>

Please do not book a slot unless you intend to come.

A family of 1-2 will pay £3 per shop. A family of 3-4 can buy twice the amount for £6 and a family of 5 or more can buy three times the amount for £9.

We prefer cards rather than cash.