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*'Working Together, Putting Children First within
our Christian Family'
'Together we care, learn and grow'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through this term it is important that we continue to celebrate the successes of our schools. Our children continue to settle in well to new systems and routines and are enthusiastic in their learning. Some of our systems are working very well and others are requiring 'tweaks' in order for them to be more efficient. At times unforeseen and events outside our control can have an impact on our routines and procedures. We are always adapting our procedures to cater for the unexpected.

Certificates

Stars of the week -

Class 1 – Maisy C – great participation and knowledge of place value in maths.

Class 2 – Kyanna C for trying extremely hard and taking on board what I'm saying and remembering this when completing her next piece of work, which is making a huge difference in the quality of the work she is producing.

Children receiving praise postcards from the headteacher this week –

Harry L and Lewis P

Arya H and Bailey G

Although we are not holding parents assemblies at the moment we are still celebrating and praising success in our class bubbles. Well done to everyone this week.

School lunches next week

Monday – Fish, chips and peas

Tuesday – Jacket potato with beans and salad

Wednesday – Chicken korma and rice

Thursday – Cheesy pizza (School Census day, please can we have as many lunches as possible so we get all our funding for the year)

Friday – Minced beef in gravy, mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables



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Covid 19

As you may be aware there has been a positive covid case at a local school not too far away from our villages. I am pleased to say that we have no positive cases at our schools at the time of writing this however, we do have a number of children that have been asked to isolate for 14 days due to 'test and trace' procedures. It has been quite clear that 'test and trace' can have a wider impact on our schools and the communities and just as importantly my staff whose children may be at a school where a positive case has been confirmed.

if your child has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed positive case

- you will receive a letter from test and trace
- the child must not come to school
- your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days
- other siblings may continue to attend school
- your child does not require a test unless they display symptoms
- 14 days isolation is still required even if a child has a negative test

Please continue to follow our social distancing measures at the school gate on arrival and at home time. It is vital that we keep vigilant and use our common sense when there are larger numbers of people around the buildings.

Water bottles

We are recommending all children bring named, lidded water bottles into school, they will be sent home at the end of the day for cleaning and refilling. **No juice please**, sipping on juice throughout the day is extremely damaging to little teeth.

Tapestry and Class Dojo

Tapestry is our online learning journey for children in nursery, reception and now Year 1. Parent access logins have been sent out, you can view images and comment on what your child has been doing during their time with us.

Class Dojo is our online class communication and reward tool, again logins have been sent out. Staff will be adding class updates and information about what is happening in the classroom. You can also send a direct message to the class teacher during this period where we are unable to allow parents into the school buildings. If at any point we move to home learning, this is be a preferred platform for sending work home.



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Healthy eating

We are working hard to gain our Healthy Schools accreditation but we need your support to achieve this. Meals served in our schools have to comply with regulatory standards for the foods provided and it is often easier to get the essential nutrients children need into a cooked meal than into a packed lunch, so we recommend a school meal for children, especially as these are free for infants.

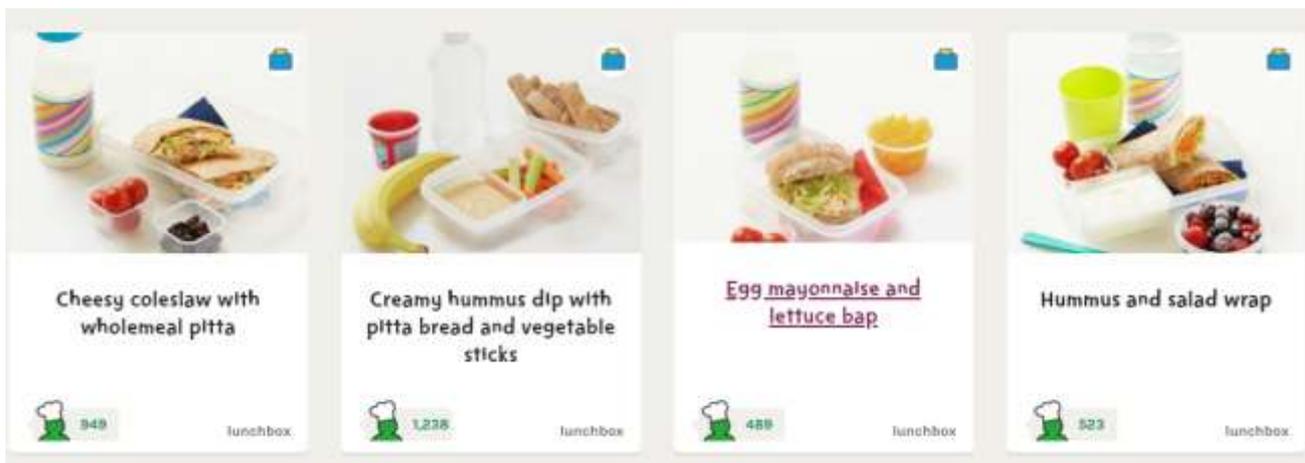
Lunch is an important meal for children to provide energy and nutrients to keep them going throughout the afternoon. A packed lunch made at home can be a healthy and delicious choice and gives you control over the foods and ingredients included.

We do not expect to see lunchboxes that have crisps, cakes, sweets and strong juice.

There are plenty of healthy lunchbox ideas online and we are happy to work with families to support their children's food choices, please get in touch.

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/helpingyoueatwell.html?start=10>

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>



Peat Rigg

Unfortunately we are still unable to go on residential visits this term, we are in touch with Peat Rigg who are monitoring the latest guidance. We are hoping to be able to offer this residential in the Spring or Summer term 2021. As soon as we have a date we will let you know.

Contact details

Please remember to update us if you change your mobile number or email address, we need to be able to contact all parents and carers in the event of an emergency, thanks

Have a great weekend

Mr Taylor