



22nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

With the half term drawing to a close, this is an update on various aspects of school.

Remote or Blended Learning

Thank you for the responses to the recent IT and Internet survey sent out by the school. This is designed to give us a clearer picture of what families have access to at home.

During the spring and summer lockdown the children's learning was supported through 'Purple Mash' and the school website. Schools are required to provide online access to learning to support children in their learning when at home.

With this in mind we will be changing our online learning to **Google Classroom**. The system will be similar to 'Purple Mash' with staff providing learning and support online. In due course you will receive further information on accessing **Google Classroom** which will involve an email and password for each child.

In the meantime, we will continue with 'Purple Mash' and also provide paper copies of work to be done in the event of children being absent due to isolation.

School Milk

At the moment we have had orders from 29 families for school milk as opposed to the normal figure of over 100. This includes free and non-free school milk children. If your child is to have milk in school, it must be ordered through 'ParentPay' and not the office as school now operates a cashless system.

School Dinner Update

As previously mentioned in our 2nd October newsletter, we are able to provide more hot meal options. The table below shows what is on offer, including a vegetarian option.

	HOT OPTION	Vegetarian Option	COLD OPTION
MONDAY	Pasta Pot	Veggie Bolognese	Wrap, Batch or Roll Filled with Ham, Chicken, Tuna and/or Cheese With Potato Wedges
TUESDAY	Baked Potato		
WEDNESDAY	Curry and Rice	Veggie Curry	
THURSDAY	Sausage, Mash and Gravy	Quorn Sausage	
FRIDAY	Fish'n'Chips		



To help Mrs Gill, our catering manager, plan and prepare meals in time, the children will be asked the day before which option they would like to have for lunch. We therefore ask you to go through the options with your child each week so that they can confidently and clearly put in their request.

It is **only** packed lunch children who have the option of buying a pasta pot (Monday) or fish and chips (Friday). This must be paid for, in advance, on the Monday of that week via Parent Pay.

Children who have a school dinner and pay for their meal, will be charged via Parent Pay. School Meal children cannot bring in a packed lunch unless parents have brought this to the attention of the school office. Any **school dinner** child who turns up with a packed lunch without notification will still be charged for a school meal.

P.E. Kit

Just a reminder that after half term the children are to come into school on their P.E. day in their kits as long as they wear black tracksuit bottoms and their school green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan over the top. The children are still to have their usual green PE top and black shorts underneath.

P.E. Schedule (pm unless stated otherwise)

	YEAR GROUP
MONDAY	Year 5
TUESDAY	Year 4(am) and Year 2(pm)
WEDNESDAY	Year 3
THURSDAY	Year 1
FRIDAY	Year 6

After school football

We are changing the time for after school football. With the staggered end to the day, football will start at 3:05 p.m. and finish at 4:05 p.m. With the clocks going back and the nights drawing, it also means the children will not be outside when it is getting dark.

Hair and Earrings

Can parents make sure that if their child has long hair that it is tied back. In addition, can you make sure that children do not come into school wearing jewellery. The only exception are earrings, which must be small studs. If your child wears studs, please make sure they have appropriate tape so they can be covered during P.E. sessions.

Thank you with your support this term with all the new restrictions and the staggered starts. We have been overwhelmed by the support and encouragement from parents. It has been a very challenging time for everyone, however the positive acknowledgements from you all has helped us, tremendously, to get through the half term.

We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher