

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that week two has flown by so quickly and we are already half way through January!

Reading

This week we have had a visit from our school improvement partner Michael Pye, who has been focusing on reading to help us to improve further. Michael was really impressed by the way in which the children we working so hard and were so focused. Well done everyone.

Parent/carer questionnaire

I know a lot has happened in the last couple of years, but our last Ofsted inspection was February 2020. We have emailed a questionnaire which contains questions that are normally asked during an inspection for parents/carers. We would like to know your feelings and thoughts. The link will be live until Friday 21st January. Thank you for your help with this.

Fun clubs

Fun clubs went live on School Money yesterday, this term we have a great variety of clubs on offer. There are still spaces available in all the clubs so please sign up over the weekend as they are starting from Monday.

Cold weather

As we are well into the winter months can I please remind everyone that all children need a warm waterproof coat, and that we do allow hats and gloves to be worn during break and lunch times but they must make sure that the gloves and hats are named fit into their coat pockets so that they don't get lost. Scarves can be worn to and from school but not during play time for health and safety reasons.

Stomach bugs

We seem to have had a number of cases of sickness and / or diarrhoea; can we remind you that children must remain off school for **48 hours after the last episode of sickness / diarrhoea. This is to prevent the spread of infection to others.** If you are unsure of when your child can return to school please telephone the office and they can advise.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Gilbert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17th January

First session of KS2 Sport fun club

Tuesday 18th January

First session of KS2 Filmmaking & Animation fun club

First session of KS1 Puzzle fun club

First session of KS1 Yoga fun club

Thursday 20th January

First session of KS1 Craft fun club

First session of KS2 Jewellery Making fun club

Monday 21st – Friday 25th February

Half term

Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April

Easter holidays

Monday 2nd May

Bank holiday Monday

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

May half term

Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd July

Development days

Monday 23rd July – Wednesday 31st August

Summer holidays

Thursday 1st September 2022

Development day

Organise a time when you and your household can get together and focus on a jigsaw puzzle, a board or card game.

Decide which game you will play and when.

Make sure you are all there on time when you have arranged to play.

Extension: Encourage all family members to join in and look for ways to avoid any unhelpful conflicts.

Reflection Questions

Beginner: Why does it matter to be on time?

Intermediate: Have you contributed to the group decision making?

Advanced: How can you encourage others to contribute?

Expert: What is an unhelpful conflict?

Lunch Menu – week commencing 17th January 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	SPECIAL MENU!				
Main	Macaroni Cheese	Garlic Chicken & Potatoes	Roast Pork & Roast Potatoes	Chicken Burger	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Veggie Sausage & Mash	Cheesy Risotto Bake	Butternut Squash & Potato Pastry Slice	Vegan Burger	Soft Taco
Served with	Peas Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Cabbage	Chips Sweetcorn BBQ Baked Beans	Chips Beans Peas
Dessert	Oaty Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Apple & Carrot Yoghurt Muffin	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Creamy Peach Rice Pudding

All school dinners should now be being booked via SchoolMoney.

Any dinners that are not booked, the child will automatically be given the main meal of the day.

If you have any problems logging on to the app please ask the office.



BURGER SHACK

20/01/22

Tasty Mains
Chicken Fillet Burger
OR
Incredible Burger (Vegan)
With Chips

Scrummy Veggie Sides
Sweetcorn and BBQ Baked Beans

Yummy Dessert
Chocolate Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce

£2.15

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2!

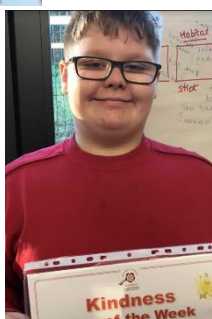
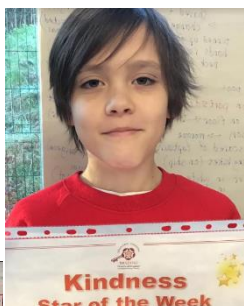
To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

This special menu is now available to book on SchoolMoney!

Taster pots will be available to all children to encourage them to try our tasty school dinners.

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Year One came in from playtime to some burnt newspaper headlines and a mysterious letter from SP. We worked out from the headlines that there had been a big fire in London nearly 400 years ago. The note told us that SP had buried his diary along with his favourite things. We found some shovels and split into groups and started digging around the school. We found a box with the initials SP with some wine, cheese and the all important diary inside. We then came back inside to make FOUND posters to try and find out who SP was. We did some research and later that day discovered that SP was a man called Samuel Pepys. Our topic for this half term is 'Spark and Flames' so the children are very excited to learn more about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London.



Bible Reflection

Proverbs 3:5

*Trust in the lord with all
your heart & do not lean
on your own
understanding.*

Eli's joke corner

Why do hummingbirds
hum?

Because they forget
the words!

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Pre-school are all superheroes!



COVID UPDATES

BUBBLES

We are trying to reduce contact so we will be continuing to work in bubbles which include Early years, KS1, Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6. We have also made the decision that lunches will take place in the classrooms this term as well.

TRIGGER POINTS / THRESHOLDS

We follow national guidance and we will not be informing parents/carers when individual cases arise in school. However we do have trigger points/threshold which is when:

- There are 5 positive cases among pupils or staff who are likely to have mixes closely within a 10 day period.
- 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10 day period.

We will then contact the DFE helpline and follow their guidance as well as the Health and Security agency recommendations, which could include just a letter sent to parents/carers of those children affected or having to move to remote learning.

To help with this, we need to know if your child tests positive or if they have any of the following symptoms:

- High temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss or change to sense of smell and/or taste

Your child should not be in school if they do have the above symptoms and we will be asking you to collect your children if they present these in school.

LFT / PCR TESTING

From Tuesday 11 January 2022, people without COVID-19 symptoms who get a positive result on a rapid response LFT will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK.

Testing positive WITHOUT symptoms

If you test positive on an LFT and you don't have symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately and report your result on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk). After reporting a positive LFT result, you will be contacted by Test and Trace so that your contacts can be traced. You must continue to self-isolate.

ISOLATION PERIOD

As at today, the isolation period is currently 7 days – for children this will mean that they will need to be negative on a LFT on day 6 and day 7 and then can return to school on day 8.

However, we believe that from Monday 17th January this is to be reduced to 5 days. Once we have received confirmation from the DFE we will provide another update.

VACCINATION HUB

We have received this message from the IW Council:

The vaccine hub in St Mary's would like to welcome all school staff and adult family members to receive any due dose of COVID Pfizer vaccine. We are open on the national booking system and they are welcome to book on this as we have many slots available - [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) We are open from 7:40am until 4:30pm and now based in South Block which is in the Hospital grounds and opposite the hospital duck pond.