

Thursday 1st April 2021

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Newsletter

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Be Kind, Be Safe, Believe –Achieve

An Easter Message from Ms Ingram

As I sit and write to you, the sun is shining, the flowers are growing and the children are enjoying the outdoors. Spring sunshine always brings happiness and a sign of brighter more positive times ahead. With summer just around the corner, and a vaccine programme well underway, we hope that we are through the worst and can look forward to a less restrictive future.

This term, we have welcomed our pupils back to fulltime education and have begun a program of catch-up to help reduce any learning gaps. We want our pupils to feel well supported to adjust back into school life/routines and focus on the term ahead with a positive perspective. Over the last few weeks, it has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Easter and look forward to beginning the new term on Monday 19th April.

Ms E. Ingram



Key Dates

- Friday 2nd April – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- Monday 19th April – Summer Term Starts
- Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- Thursday 6th May – School Closed – Polling Day
- Mon 31st May – Half Term Holiday
- Friday 2nd July – Staff Training – School Closed
- Thursday 22nd July – School Closed – Summer Holidays



Financial Support For Families

Staffordshire County Council are giving residents up to £200 financial help to pay their heating bills. This money does not need to be paid back.

This support is available to families who claim free school meals for their children, anyone who has lost their jobs due to Covid-19, have low/no income, or claim benefits.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Warmer-Homes/COVID-winter-support.aspx>

Polling Day – Thursday 6th May

The school will be **closed to all pupils** on Thursday 6th May, as the site will be used as a community polling station.

Teachers will set and share work remotely for your child to complete.

More information to follow, closer to the date.

Nursery	Lily	Penny
Reception	Summer	Imogen
Year 1	Dori	Jessica
Year 2	Sophia	Toby
Year 3	Autumn	Jake/Oaklan
Year 4	Maya	Armani
Year 5	Sydnee	Evie
Year 6	Jack	Dylan



Stars of the Week

Care Club

Care Club children have had lots of fun designing and making Easter bunny masks. As you can see, they look amazing!



Letter From The Queen



Esme has been busy writing a letter to the Queen. She wrote to tell her about all the learning she had been completing during Lockdown.

She looks very pleased with her reply, complete with the official Royal mark.



Cannock Family Hub

The Cannock Family Hub has a lot of key information about how the local authority can support families and children over the Easter holidays.

Please check out their Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/cannockfamilyhub/



Useful Links

- [Feeding your family on a budget](#) - find meal inspiration from the Family Hubs.
- [Mental Health](#) - it's important that you take care of your mind as well as your body and to get further support if you need it. Support is available for mental health issues, even if services seem busy at the moment because of coronavirus.
- [Online safety](#) - find out how to keep your family safe online.

Pye Green Take Over Wednesday

This week, it was our turn to 'Take Over' Wednesday afternoon with 'non screen based activities'. We decided to base our activities around 'creativity' and wanted to share this with other schools within our Multi Academy Trust after being inspired by the Einstein quote: **'Creativity is contagious, pass it on'.**

Children within all of the 12 schools have been inspired by videos created by our teachers, from Reception staff sharing how to create 'fortune tellers', Year 2 staff creating flip books and Y6 scavenger hunting. We have had pupils making natural Easter eggs, musical instruments, building huge sculptures, making delicious sweet treats and flying paper aeroplanes. It was a wonderful afternoon.

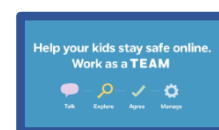


Safeguarding Children Online

We are aware that recently there have been lots of fall-outs between some of our children outside school hours. These have taken place whilst playing online games or using social network groups and chats.

Unfortunately, whilst we are very happy to support, there is a limit to what we can do when incidents take place outside school, accessing online resources. We advise that children only play online games with their own household (or with close family or one close friend) so children and families can support and resolve the type of fall-outs that can occur online. If you do decide to allow your child to play these games and there are problems, we advise that you:

- Consider playing a different game/ types of games
- Block or do not play with the person that there are issues with
- Set clear parental restrictions and controls and monitor interactions



We also strongly advise that children **do not use social media** such as **Facebook/Instagram/Snapchat or What's App** until they are 13 or older for safeguarding reasons. Please find more support and guidance using the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Many thanks for your continued support
Ms. Ingram

Week
Commencing

SCHOOL MENU - Balanced, nutritious and freshly prepared tasty meals

08/03/2021 29/03/2021 03/05/2021 24/05/2021 21/06/2021 12/07/2021	Week 1	MONDAY Beef Burger (served in a bun with potato wedges) Pasta Neapolitan (v) (penne pasta in a tomato & hidden veg sauce with a cheese topping) Peas Cupcake or Fruit Egg & Cress Packed Lunch	TUESDAY Battered Fish (served with mashed potatoes) Vegetable Lasagne (v) (served with garlic bread) Baby Carrots Mini Doughnut or Fruit Ham & Lettuce Packed Lunch	WEDNESDAY Roast Pork with Apple Sauce (served with roast & mashed potatoes) Roasted Quorn Fillet (v) (served with roast & mashed potatoes) Cauliflower & Broccoli Cookie or Fruit Tuna & Cucumber Packed Lunch	THURSDAY Big Breakfast Sausages (served with hash browns) Big Breakfast Veggie Sausage (v) (served with hash browns) Baked Beans & Half a Baked Tomato Ginger Sponge or Fruit Chicken & Sweetcorn Packed Lunch	FRIDAY Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) (served with chips) Chickpea & Spinach Curry (v) (served with brown & white rice & naan bread) Sweetcorn Chocolate Shortbread or Fruit Cheese Packed Lunch
		MONDAY Fish Fingers (served with mashed potatoes) Cheese & Potato Pie (v) Carrots & Peas Shortbread or Fruit Egg & Cress Packed Lunch	TUESDAY Sausages (served with chips) Vegetable Burrito (v) (served with chips) Baked Beans Blueberry Muffin or Fruit Ham & Lettuce Packed Lunch	WEDNESDAY Roast Chicken (served with roast & mashed potatoes) Roasted Quorn Fillet (v) (served with roast & mashed potatoes) Carrots Cookie or Fruit Tuna & Cucumber Packed Lunch	THURSDAY Vegetable Bake (v) (served with baby potatoes) Mac 'n' Cheese (v) Broccoli & Cauliflower Chocolate Sponge or Fruit Chicken & Sweetcorn Packed Lunch	FRIDAY Beef Bolognese (served with pasta) Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) (served with jacket wedges) Sweetcorn Iced Bun or Fruit Cheese Packed Lunch
		MONDAY Pork & Carrot Meatballs in a Tomato & Basil Sauce (served with penne pasta) Cheese & Vegetable Stackers (v) (served with diced potatoes) Sweetcorn Chocolate Muffin or Fruit Egg & Cress Packed Lunch	TUESDAY Fish Fillet (served with garlic & herb wedges) Quorn Fajitas (v) (served with garlic & herb wedges) Peas Flapjack or Fruit Ham & Lettuce Packed Lunch	WEDNESDAY Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding (served with roast & mashed potatoes) Quorn Sausage in a Yorkshire Pudding (v) (served with roast & mashed potatoes) Broccoli & Cauliflower Cookie or Fruit Tuna & Cucumber Packed Lunch	THURSDAY Breaded Chicken Breast (served with Katsu curry sauce & noodles) Jacket Potato (v) (served with cheese & beans) Carrots Toffee Cake or Fruit Chicken & Sweetcorn Packed Lunch	FRIDAY Chicken Tikka Masala (served with brown & white rice & naan bread) Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) (served with chips) Baked Beans Mini Doughnut with Chocolate Icing or Fruit Cheese Packed Lunch

Food Allergen & Intolerance Information: Before ordering speak to our staff about your requirements. The menu may vary on promotional days.