



# Newsletter

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Be Kind, Be Safe, Believe -Achieve

Menu for week commencing  
13<sup>th</sup>September is week 3

## Key Dates

- Autumn Term Parents' Evenings- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-6:30pm, Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 3.30- 6.30pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October-children break up for half-term
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November-children return to school after half-term
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December-children break up for Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January-Training Day for Staff-school closed
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January-Children return to school

## Welcome Back

It has been a brilliant first week back at school for everyone. Children have settled straight back into school life and it was wonderful to have our very first whole school assembly on Monday. I've been in and out of classrooms, watching children learn and joined some of the fun at break and lunchtimes.



As we move forward, I am really looking forward to starting our Friday 'Celebration Assemblies' again. These will begin on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm** starting with Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3. If your child is one of our first stars of the week you will receive a text the week before inviting you to attend the assembly, if possible.

## School Lunches Return

We are really excited to announce that we are 'back to normal' with a wonderful variety of hot and cold food available for all children.

We were delighted at the quality & range of our menus and we are commitment to improving children's enjoyment of having a healthy and appetising school lunch experience. If you would like your child to try a school lunch please see next week's menu attached. Menu for week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September is week 3.



### Please note

I'm sure you have seen in the news in recent months, information regarding the shortage in HGV drivers and the effect on food supply around the UK. The impact of the driver shortages is effecting Shire Services and their food supply chain. Our menus may need to be adjusted at very short notice at this time.

### Raising Funds for Charity

Ruby & Maisy from Year 4 have been extremely busy raising funds for 'Cancer Support'.

On Sunday, Ruby cycled 12 km around silverstone race track and raised £329. Both girls have previously held many sales and events to support charities.

Fantastic charity work girls keep it up!



### Working with Authors

We are delighted that once again some of our students will be working with Harriet Goodwin, the author who has worked with us for the past 5 years. Harriet will be working with students to develop their writing techniques and teaching them some of her tips and tricks.

[www.harrietgoodwinbooks.com](http://www.harrietgoodwinbooks.com)



### Covid-19 Educational changes and Penalty Notices

Attached to the email is a letter from Staffordshire County Council with regards to school changes for the year ahead.

Also below is some information from Staffordshire County Council regarding penalty notices for absence.



### Asthma and Care Plans

If your child has an inhaler in school or a medical need, you should have met with or spoken to Mrs Yates this week to review these. If your child has a medical condition or uses a blue inhaler **and you have not** reviewed their plan, please contact the main office urgently.



Many thanks for your continued support  
Ms. Ingram

## Penalty Notices – Information for Parents (Updated from Jan 2018)

Parents/carers have a legal duty to make sure their children go to school regularly. The local authority can issue Penalty Notices if a parent/carer fails to make sure their children attend school.

Penalty Notices are fines, only issued by post by the Locality Support Team, on behalf of the Local Authority, for a child's unauthorised absence from school.

Penalty Notices can be issued to each parent/carer liable for the attendance offence.

The **penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt rising to £120** if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. The payment must be paid direct to the local authority. The parents can only be prosecuted if 28 days have expired and full payment has not been made.

There is no right of appeal by parents against a penalty notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28 day period, the local authority will prosecute for the original offence, unless there are grounds to withdraw the notice.

### **The Law about School Attendance**

Any absence from school is a cause for concern. Only by attending every day will your child have the best chance to get the most from their education.

The head teacher at your child's school must decide if an absence is authorised or unauthorised.

- Authorised – Reasons agreed as appropriate by the head teacher.
- Unauthorised – Reasons not accepted as appropriate by the head teacher.

The Local Authority may take legal action against you, if you fail to make sure that your children go to school regularly and the absence has been recorded by school as unauthorised.

One option open to the Local Authority is to issue parents/ carers with a Penalty Notice, when there is unauthorised absence from school.

### **Staffordshire Local Authority - criteria for Penalty Notices (Implemented Jan 2018)**

#### **Penalty Notice for leave of absence (holiday) in term time**

From 1 January 2018 **any** period of unauthorised leave may result in you as a parent receiving a penalty notice fine. Your head teacher will continue to be the only person able to authorise leave in term time, but this will apply only in exceptional circumstances. Any unauthorised absence will be referred by your head teacher to the local authority.

#### **Penalty Notice for persistent lateness**

If a pupil has 10 unauthorised late marks a penalty notice warning could be issued. These late marks do not have to be one after the other in order for the penalty notice to be issued. You are therefore encouraged where possible to ensure your child attends school on time. However, if your child is late you must inform the school of the reason(s) why, as they may be able to offer you some form of advice or support.

#### **Period of time used to measure persistent absence and lateness**

If your child has had 10 days unauthorised absence or is late 10 times over a twelve week period, you may receive a penalty warning notice and also potentially a fine.

These changes have been agreed with local head teachers and have been implemented to help promote and support good attendance to school. Further details and a copy of the revised Code of Conduct for issuing Penalty Notices can be obtained from the council's website [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education).

The vast majority of children and young people in Staffordshire have an excellent record of school attendance, and we recognise the efforts of so many parents to ensure their children attend school regularly.

The Local Authority will continue to take appropriate action for absences during term time when we are notified by head teachers, both to support them in their role and to ensure local children can continue to achieve the best possible outcomes from attending local schools.

**Week**  
Commencing

# SCHOOL MENU - Balanced, nutritious and freshly prepared tasty meals

Week 1		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
08/03/2021 29/03/2021 03/05/2021 24/05/2021 21/06/2021 12/07/2021	Week 1	Beef Burger (served in a bun with potato wedges)	Battered Fish (served with mashed potatoes)	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce (served with roast & mashed potatoes)	Big Breakfast Sausages (served with hash browns)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) (served with chips)
		Pasta Neapolitan (v) (penne pasta in a tomato & hidden veg sauce with a cheese topping)	Vegetable Lasagne (v) (served with garlic bread)	Roasted Quorn Fillet (v) (served with roast & mashed potatoes)	Big Breakfast Veggie Sausage (v) (served with hash browns)	Chickpea & Spinach Curry (v) (served with brown & white rice & naan bread)
		Peas	Baby Carrots	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Baked Beans & Half a Baked Tomato	Sweetcorn
		Cupcake or Fruit	Mini Doughnut or Fruit	Cookie or Fruit	Ginger Sponge or Fruit	Chocolate Shortbread or Fruit
		Egg & Cress Packed Lunch	Ham & Lettuce Packed Lunch	Tuna & Cucumber Packed Lunch	Chicken & Sweetcorn Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Week 2		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15/03/2021 19/04/2021 10/05/2021 07/06/2021 28/06/2021 19/07/2021	Week 2	Fish Fingers (served with mashed potatoes)	Sausages (served with chips)	Roast Chicken (served with roast & mashed potatoes)	Vegetable Bake (v) (served with baby potatoes)	Beef Bolognese (served with pasta)
		Cheese & Potato Pie (v)	Vegetable Buntio (v) (served with chips)	Roasted Quorn Fillet (v) (served with roast & mashed potatoes)	Mac 'n' Cheese (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) (served with jacket wedges)
		Carrots & Peas	Baked Beans	Carrots	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Sweetcorn
		Shortbread or Fruit	Blueberry Muffin or Fruit	Cookie or Fruit	Chocolate Sponge or Fruit	Iced Bun or Fruit
		Egg & Cress Packed Lunch	Ham & Lettuce Packed Lunch	Tuna & Cucumber Packed Lunch	Chicken & Sweetcorn Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Week 3		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
22/03/2021 26/04/2021 17/05/2021 14/06/2021 05/07/2021	Week 3	Pork & Carrot Meatballs in a Tomato & Basil Sauce (served with penne pasta)	Fish Fillet (served with garlic & herb wedges)	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding (served with roast & mashed potatoes)	Breaded Chicken Breast (served with Katsu curry sauce & noodles)	Chicken Tikka Masala (served with brown & white rice & naan bread)
		Cheese & Vegetable Stackers (v) (served with diced potatoes)	Quorn Fajitas (v) (served with garlic & herb wedges)	Quorn Sausage in a Yorkshire Pudding (v) (served with roast & mashed potatoes)	Jacket Potato (v) (served with cheese & beans)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) (served with chips)
		Sweetcorn	Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrots	Baked Beans
		Chocolate Muffin or Fruit	Flapjack or Fruit	Cookie or Fruit	Toffee Cake or Fruit	Mini Doughnut with Chocolate Icing or Fruit
		Egg & Cress Packed Lunch	Ham & Lettuce Packed Lunch	Tuna & Cucumber Packed Lunch	Chicken & Sweetcorn Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch

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