

Newsletter No 7: Term 2

December 2020

Dear Parent / Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and healthy break over this Christmas holiday period. Thank you to those of you who have sent in your good wishes to the staff and for the much appreciated gifts of biscuits, chocolates and cards. We have really appreciated the encouragement and positivity that you have shared over the recent weeks. For parent /carers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 and 4, I know you will be missing the Christmas events where your child would normally perform and sing. I hope that you enjoy the virtual performances your children have put together this week via See Saw and Tapestry.

Wear Something Festive Day!

On Thursday (the last day of term) children are able to come to school wearing something festive. This could be a Christmas jumper, party wear, or a bit of tinsel in their hair. In other words a 'dress down festive day!' As well as a bit of fun we will be raising funds with the help of our Friends of Fishponds Academy parent group. Suggested donation of £1 and all proceeds will be going towards the development of our Exploration Zone (natural and creative play area). One of our lovely parent / carers has set up a 'Just Giving' page for anyone who wishes to donate money towards this project. More information is also available by clicking the link below. We are aiming for £2500 overall!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ExplorationZone>

Friends of Fishponds AGM 8pm Dec 16th 2020 on Zoom. To join click link below. All very welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88301290904?pwd=VUNlZnpWVWcrT24ybDhmSGxmbkh4Zz09>

Happiness Project

Covid has not stopped the lovely children of Fishponds from making a difference to others. Miss Edwards has collected handmade Christmas cards from children across the school to send to the Happiness Project. This charity will distribute these lovely handmade cards to elderly people in care homes across the Bristol area. I hope they bring a little cheer and love during this challenging time.

Year 6 Camp has moved again!!

For those of you who have been part of the Fishponds' family for a long time now, you will know the excitement of our Year 6 camp. Our children normally go away for a week during October and it is a fantastic time of bonding, relationship building and courage building. After moving to February and hoping we could go ahead, this is now not possible. Thankfully there is now a space in the last week of July term (19th – 21st). The children will be able to go away for 3 days together before they leave us and move on to Secondary school. The trip is residential and costs £150. The children will take part in a variety of activities and most importantly have fun together. We encourage all of our Year 6 to join in. Please email or phone the office if your child wishes to go and they have not already signed up.

Government update to assessments taking place this year.

We have been alerted by the Department for Education that the following assessments are no longer taking place due to the impact of Covid:

KS1 SATS (in Y2) Hurrah!!

KS2 Spelling, punctuation and grammar test for Y6.

Year 6 children will only be sitting Reading and Maths tests during their SATS week in May. (10-12th). Writing is teacher assessed during Term 6. Advance warning of parent meeting – February 9th there will be a parent/ carer meeting for Y6 parents.



Church of England Academy

Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds



Value of the Term : Respect

Week 1: What can you do in school to show respect for others around school?

Week 2: We are all different but special. How can we look after each other in class?

Week 3: What can you do to care for the school environment?

Week 4: What would be your 'Golden Rule' that would make our world a fairer and more loving place?

Week 5: Why is it important to think before you speak?

Week 6: It's easy to show respect to those who think the same as we do. How do we disagree with others respectfully?

Learning to Learn skill for term 3 : Creativity.

As well as our main Collective Worship led by the Principal we also have Phase Assemblies. During these times the children will be focussed on the festivals of the World faiths. If you are able to share your own faith festival with the children, please speak with Mrs Watt so that we can organise for this to take place virtually.

PE sessions Term 3

Monday - Reception

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Year 1 and Year 3 and Year 5

Thursday – Year 6 and Year 2

Friday – Reception



Mr Simons will be distanced teaching the classes above on the days shown. This means that he will not be personally dealing with any children in the class but will direct PE learning from a safe distance outside. The class will still be led by the class team and all transitions will be managed by the class team thus keeping Mr Simons safe by not breaking any bubbles. We hope that this allows our children to keep fit and benefit from Mrs Simons skills whilst keeping everyone safe.

Term 3 Dinner Menu

WEEK 1 MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat	Oven Baked Sausage	Freshly Made Beef Burger	Southern Baked Chicken	Margherita Pizza	Fish Fingers Rap
Meat	Oven Baked Vegetable Sausage	Queen Pattie Burger	Southern Baked Quorn Fillet	Margherita Pizza	As Jacket Potato
Carbohydrates	1/2 Jacket Potato	Diced Potatoes	Savoury Rice	Oven Baked Wedges	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Garden Peas & Carrots	Broccoli Florets	Garden Peas	Sweetcorn	Garden Peas
Desserts	Strawberry Jelly Or Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Custard Or Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges	Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges	Vanilla Cookie Or Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges	Lemon Card Meringue Pizza Slice Or Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket potatoes baked onsite with Cheddar Cheese or Tuna Mayo/maise

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WEEK 2 MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat	Pasta Bolognese	Margherita Pizza	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Hot Dog and Roll	Fish Finger
Meat	Macaroni Cheese	Margherita Pizza	Quorn Fillet & Stuffing	Quorn Hot Dog and Roll	As Jacket Potato
Carbohydrates	Garlic Bread	1/2 Jacket Potato	Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Oven Baked Wedges	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Green Beans	Carrots	Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Garden Peas
Desserts	Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges	Fruity Flapjack Or Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges	Ice Cream Or Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges	Vanilla Sponge & Custard Or Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges	Chocolate Cookie Or Freshly Cut Fruit Wedges

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Dates for your diaries , with best wishes from Debbie Coker (Principal)

Week beginning Monday 14 th December	Virtual Christmas Events. This week the various year groups that would normally perform Rec / Y1 Nativity and the Y3/4 Carol Service will upload their offerings to their online platforms.
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner Day Deadline for class Christmas Tree Decorating
Thursday 17 th December	Last day of term. 'Wear something festive' day and donate £1 towards our Exploration Zone.
Monday 4 th January 21	INSET DAY School closed to children
Tuesday 5 th January 21	First day of Term 3 school
Wednesday 13 th January 21	KS1 parent /carers workshop on maths calculations. Find out how we teach calculation and be better prepared to help your child with their maths. 4pm on Zoom.
Monday 18 th January 21	Y3/4 parent /carers workshop on maths calculations. Find out how we teach calculation and be better prepared to help your child with their maths. 4pm on zoom.
Tuesday 19 th January 21	Y5/6 parent /carers workshop on maths calculations. Find out how we teach calculation and be better prepared to help your child with their maths. 4pm on zoom.
Thursday 28 th January 21	RE Day – As a school we will celebrating our diversity and thinking about the World Faiths. More info to follow.
Tuesday 9 th February 21	Year 6 parent /carers information evening about the KS2 SATS and how to help your child.
Wednesday 10 th February 21	Year 1 parent /carer Phonics and reading meeting. 4pm on Zoom.
Thursday 11 th February 21	EYFS Phonics meeting for Reception parent / carers. Come along to find out all about phonics and how we use this to help your child to learn to read and write. 4pm on Zoom.
Friday 12 th February 21	Last day of term 3 (Dress down day! Suggested donation £1) School closed for half term (Monday 15 th Feb – Friday 19 th Feb 21)
Monday 22 nd February 21	Term 4 begins.
Thursday 4 th March 21	World Book Day! Advance warning ... get your book character costumes ready!

What to do if you or your child develops Covid symptoms over the Christmas break.

If your child develops Covid symptoms of a new cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell between Friday 18th December and Sunday 20th December 2020, please arrange for them to be tested. If the test comes back positive, please contact the school by emailing covid.fishponds@dbat.org.uk or phoning the school mobile number 07595615288. This will help us to make contact with the right people to inform them to isolate.

Please be ready to share the following information in your message:

Child's name

Class

Date symptoms started

What the symptoms were

If your child tests positive during the Christmas holiday period, please arrange for your child to be tested and isolate until you receive the results. If positive, your child and their contacts will need to isolate for 10 days. If this period of isolation runs into Term 3 (January 2021) then please inform the school on Tuesday 5th January so that we can organise remote learning for your child.