



NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st December 2023

School Lunches

Week commencing Monday 4th December, we will be on **WEEK 3** of the menu. The full menu can be found on our website.

Monday: Really Cheesy Pizza, potato wedges & coleslaw
Tuesday: Beef bolognaise with pasta & garlic bread
Wednesday: Chicken sausage, mash & gravy
Thursday: Chicken tikka, rice and naan bread
Friday: Fishcake, chips and beans

There is a vegetarian and allergy option available each day plus freshly baked bread and the salad bar. Enjoy!

We are here!

We know that on the run up to Christmas can bring financial and other challenges to some of our families. We would like to be able to help where we can. Please note the following:



We can now issue Foodbank vouchers from School. Ahead of our Christmas Jumper day, we are selling donated Christmas jumpers for £1.00.

If you have any clean School uniform or coats which you can donate please can you drop this off to Reception so this can be given to families in need.

If you need any help with the above, please do not hesitate to contact lbaldet@bluecoat.uk.com

Children's Belongings

Please remember to send children into school with all of their belongings including bags, lunchboxes, water bottles and coats etc. This will minimise the interruption of lessons to drop items off or children coming out to class to fetch items from the office.



Dates for your diary

- **Monday 4th December** – Christmas Raffle begins
- **Thursday 7th December** - Flamingos & Peacocks Library Visit
- **Friday 15th December** – Autumn Term Project Showcase
- **Monday 18th December** – Year 3 & 4 Christingle
- **Monday 18th December** – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.15pm
- **Tuesday 19th December** – Year 5/6 Christmas Carols at school, 2-3pm
- **Tuesday 19th December** - Key Stage 1 Nativity 9am
- **Wednesday 20th December** - EYFS Christmas Performance – 2.30pm
- **Thursday 21st December** – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 22nd December** – Headteachers Award & Classroom Christmas Parties

My Child's First Device

This Christmas, you might have decided to give your child their first phone, tablet, or laptop (or third, fourth, fifth – even a new update). This is a big decision. The responsibility and freedom that comes with owning a device is a big step for children – and you! It might even be their first “grown up” responsibility.



As a parent or carer, it's important to remember that even if a child is tech-savvy, they need to be taught how to be tech-safe. We know this can be daunting with various device brands, apps, and settings to choose from. Our online safety experts have created five steps to help you make that first device (or brand-new model!) safer for the child or young person in your care. The guide below give practical advice for parents and carers.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/11/26/my-childs-first-device>

Tickets for Nativity

Here is a reminder of the Christmas performances and services coming up. The only performance that will require tickets will be the Key Stage 1 Nativity due to numbers. There is no charge for tickets but two tickets are allocated per child in total and these can be collected from the school office

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Year 3 and 4 will also be taking part in a Christingle Service. Unfortunately this cannot take place at St Margaret's this year due to their ongoing building works. We are in the process planning whether this will take place in school or elsewhere, however this will be on Monday 18th December During school time. This event is just for the children and although we might need some parent helpers if we need to walk somewhere, we do not invite parents to take part in the service.

This week in school...

The Nest have been preparing for Advent. They enjoyed making Advent Wreaths whilst also practising their fine motor skills.

Peacocks, Flamingos and Ducklings all had a lovely visit from a doctor. They learnt about what doctors do to help us, different equipment that they use and even got to have ago at using the bandages.

Year 1 have been busy learning about Advent this week. The children looked at Advent wreaths and the meaning behind each of the candles

Year 2 have been learning about the artist LS Lowry this half term. Today, they experimented with shape and line to create industrial buildings and terraced houses in his style. I think you will agree they have done a wonderful job!

Year 3 have been sculpting scarab beetles as part of DT this half term, carrying on their ancient Egyptian topic.

Year 4 have created their own posters today, using modal verbs to show why people should help to stop deforestation.

Year 5 got torches and balls out this week, to model how rotation works in space to create day and night. We have also been doing some lovely writing and learning about factors and multiples.

Year 6 have had a great time further exploring their science theme of light. This week, the children practically looked at refraction and how light can change direction with a hands on experiment.



MARVIN AND MILO

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DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME #1

with Marvin

What you need:

- drinking straw
- a friend
- a ruler
- scissors
- sticky tape
- saucer of water

The challenge:

To lift the water from the saucer using a straw without sucking.

Step 1.

Get your ruler and cut your drinking straw into two pieces: one 3 cm long and one 5 cm long.

Step 2.

Stand the smaller end of the straw in the saucer of water.

Join the pieces together with sticky tape along one side so they form a 90 degree angle, but leave both ends open.

Now blow hard!

So what happened? Well, when air moves, its pressure falls. So when you blow, the pressure at the top of the straw drops. But the air over the saucer keeps the same pressure, so the water is pushed up the straw.

The End

Visit www.physics.org keywords: air pressure, bernoulli