



NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th October 2023



School Lunches

Week commencing Monday 9th October, we will be on **WEEK 3** of the menu. The full menu can be found on our website.

Monday: Quorn nuggets, 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!

Dropping Off:

Just a polite reminder that if you are dropping off children in Year 4, 5 and 6 on the MUGA or MUGA playground, you can do this from 8.30am and do not need to wait for your children to walk into the building. A BPA staff member is always outside and on duty on the MUGA. If you want to wait and watch your child on the MUGA, please do so from the lower playground as this allows staff to track the children who are unaccompanied by an adult and ensure they are supervised by a staff member. If you want to wait with your child, you may wait together on the lower playground. All children should be making their way to the lines ready to line up at 8.40

Healthy Lunchboxes

Please ensure that children are given a healthy lunch if you are providing a packed lunch for them to eat. We have noticed this week that some of our children just have snacks in their lunch boxes. Please see some lunchbox ideas from Healthier Families:



<https://www.nhs.uk/healthierfamilies/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Lateness

There is an increasing amount of children that are coming to school late, particularly in the lower years of school. Please ensure your child is in school ready to learn from the beginning of their school day. Children use the time during registration to practice core Maths and Grammar skills that underpin all learning throughout school. This practice ensures that children can access learning in their lessons more easily. There are also important messages and information to share about the school day ahead. Children who miss this can find it harder to settle and focus on their learning.

We will record your child's reason for being late daily. Communication will be sent daily for children who are late and will be logged on your child's school record. If your child is repeatedly late we will invite you to school for a meeting to discuss how we can support you.

If poor punctuality continues you will be invited into school for a meeting with the School's Family Support & Attendance Officer and if required an Education Welfare Officer from Nottingham City Council. This may lead to a penalty notice being issued.

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

**Every Minute
in School Counts**



Reminders

Founders Day Service Rescheduled

Our Founders Day service has been rescheduled to Tuesday 17th October at 9am. This is an opportunity for some of our older children (Y3) to officially welcome our newest joiners to the Bluecoat Family. The service is held in our school hall and lasts for about 25 minutes. Parents of children in Peacocks and Flamingos are welcomed to attend. All children in F2 will be gifted a book of Bible stories to take home. If your child is currently in Year 1 or 2 and joined the school after November last year they will not have received a copy of the Bible stories. If this applies to you and you would like your child to be involved in the service and receive a copy of the Bible stories, please contact the school office by Friday 6th October.

Flu vaccine

<https://nhs.uk/healthierfamilies/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Our flu vaccination session, will take place on 28th November 2023 for children in Reception up to and including Year 6 (Not Nursery children). Please use link above to give consent by on **9th October 2023**.



Exit from the gates

Please could we ask parents to make a swift exit out of the gates after drop off in the morning. We have noticed some parents staying behind, on wet mornings parents are gathering in the shelter. Site Team need to lock the site to ensure we are a secure site as soon as possible. The site will be locked at 8:45am.

Appointments

If you need to collect your child early for an appointment please ensure you give the office at least 30 minutes notice of your arrival. This will allow time for us to collect your child, especially if they are outside doing PE or having playtime. If we do not receive notice please be prepared to wait and we shall collect your child as soon as we are able.

Some dates for your diary:

- **Friday 6th October** – World Dyslexia Awareness Day
- **Thursday 12th October** – Kiwis Library Visit
- **Tuesday 17th October** – Founders Day service 9am
- **Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October** – Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 19th October** – Toucans Library Visit
- **Monday 23rd October** – Half Term return to school on **Tuesday 7th November**
- **Monday 6th November** – INSET DAY
- **Thursday 9th November** – Parrots Library Visit
- **Thursday 16th November** – Owls & Eagles Library Visit
- **Friday 17th November** – Children In Need
- **Monday 20th November** – Odd Socks Day
- **Thursday 23rd November** – Hummingbirds & Kingfisher Library Visit
- **Tuesday 28th November** – Flu Immunisations (Reception – Year 6)
- **Thursday 30th November** – Penguins & Puffins Library Visit
- **Thursday 7th December** - Flamingos & Peacocks Library Visit
- **Friday 15th December** – Autumn Term Project Showcase
- **Monday 18th December** – Year 3 & 4 Christingle (St Margarets Church)
- **Monday 18th December** – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.15pm
- **Tuesday 19th December** – Year 5/6 Christmas Carols at (St Margarets Church) 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

**Another successful start to the Year 5/6 football season!
2-0 win and a 1-1 draw. Well done, Team!**



This week in school...

The Nest in their Maths lessons have been using comparative language such as big and small and long/tall and short. Some of the children have been using rulers to measure different classroom items in cms.

Nursery children been answering the question 'What do I look like?' They have loved looking at themselves in the mirror and have been particularly fascinated about eye colour. They enjoyed creating self-portraits using coloured beads on the light table.

Reception have been using transient art to produce their family portraits. It has been lovely to see the children be so creative and to think carefully about which pieces they wanted to use for each member of their family and how they wanted to represent them.

Year 1 have been busy in the environment completing their challenge for the week. This week we are focusing on innovating the Three Little Pigs story. The children have come up with some very creative ideas! We cannot wait to read their stories in a few weeks' time.

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed National Poetry Day and worked hard together to create a diamante poem. This type of poem starts with one word, and adds a word on each line, then gets smaller again to form the shape of a diamond. They used the theme treasures and refugees to create a wonderful poem. Once Year 2 had created their poem, they performed it using actions.

Year 3 have continued to focus on their presentation this week by demonstrating fantastic work in Maths. They have made sure to use one number per box in their books to help support them with their new learning around column addition and subtraction. Here is just one example of their fantastic presentation!

Year 4 have really enjoyed getting stuck in with our new book club sessions during a Tuesday morning. Today we looked at different authors' comments about why they read and came up with our own. Here are some of them!

Year 5 have been starting to write their shark reports this week, and have been using thesauruses to come up with some really great descriptors!

Year 6 had the pleasure of working with published poet Manjit Sahota and created their own poetry masterpieces on refuge.