



Newsletter 16

"Following God's path to flourish in life"



Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 7th January 2022

Happy New Year!

A warm welcome to 2022. I am aware that some families had a tough time of it over Christmas because of covid. Happily, I have heard all have recovered or are on the mend. It is a pleasure to see the children back in school. Covid continues to harass us and so we will be keeping measures in place to combat it. I just wanted to say, you were brilliant last term supporting your children and the school, doing your best to keep covid at bay. It seems, lateral flow tests are going to be the go to test for covid. As restrictions and responses to covid change I will keep you posted. As it stands, we are asking that if a household has a positive case of covid, the children isolate for the 7 – 10 days until the person has a clear lateral flow test.

Coming up this week...

- Children from Elm and Sycamore Classes will begin their school swimming lessons for the first time. They will be going to Stafford Leisure Centre every Monday afternoon for their lessons.
- Half of the children in Maple Class (Year 6) will begin forest school. The other half will do PE. They will then swap over the following week. This will continue throughout the term.
- Children in Beech Class can attend an after school activity club each Friday. Miss Milligan, from Progressive Sports, will be running the club.

I would also like to welcome Miss Carter, our new school cook, to the team. During the pandemic we have had a number of cooks in school. Hopefully, Miss Carter will be with us for some time.

Dangerous Healthy Snacks

14 staff completed their 12 hour paediatric first aid course on Tuesday. The course covers how to deal with many of the things that may cause harm or injury to children. One thing that surprised the staff was choking. Certain foods are known to be dangerous if swallowed whole. In particular, grapes are a hazard. Could I politely request that fruits and raw vegetables are cut up if you provide them as a snack. This simple act greatly reduces the chances of choking. Small cocktail sausages and hotdogs are also a hazard. Slicing them lengthways seems to alter the round shape and so lessens the chance of the food getting stuck at the back of your child's throat. I have found a website page which explains this issue in further detail and also gives good advice on what to do if your child is choking.



[LINK – Advice on how to avoid choking](#)

Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 10th January 2022

Lunchtime Menu – Week 2 (Weeks commencing: 06/09, 27/09, 18/10, 08/11, 29/11, 20/12, 10/01, 31/01, 21/02, 14/03, 14/04)					
Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Veggie Bolognese Yummy veggie Bolognese with pasta	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls Cheese and tomato pizza with dough balls	Fresh carrots and sweetcorn	Flapjack with fruit slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Sausage and mash with rich gravy	Allegra's Oodles of Noodles Delicious noodles with veggies	Peas and Fresh Broccoli	Peach Shortbread Pudding With Custard
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast chicken with fluffy roasties	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A veggie Quorn roast with fluffy roasties	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cottage Pie Home cooked minced beef with a crispy potato topping	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry A tasty mild chickpea and potato curry	Fresh Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Fruity Chocolate Brownie
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips	Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips A scrummy tomato veggie burger in a soft bap	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Slices

Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit

KS2 Sports Hall School Games Pentathlon

On Thursday 13th January, the children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a Sports Hall Pentathlon. The five activities are:



standing long jump, speed bounce, chest push, 10x10m shuttle run and vertical jump.

This is an inter-school competition. Susie Stinton, the School Games Organiser, will be in school supporting the children and validating our scores. Could the children in Beech, Elm, Sycamore and Maple Classes wear their PE kits on Thursday, please. I would like to wish the children every success.

PRAYER SPACE

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. Amen.

CHILL

To book places for CHILL, please click on the link below. Bookings should be made by no later than 1.00pm on the Friday before the bookings are required.

[CLICK HERE to access CHILL booking forms](#)

Do you want to be a greener family?



HOW ON EARTH?

**Free 4 week online course
starting Saturday 15th January
2022. For families in Staffordshire
with children aged 4-16**

**Families are guided through fun,
flexible hands-on activities to open up
conversations about climate change,
connecting to nature and making small,
sustainable changes.**

**Whilst this course is delivered online, it is not about
sitting in front of a screen! You will receive a weekly
activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to
suit you. From waste free picnics, to upcycling
projects to forest bathing, we will support you to
adapt the activities for your family. There will be one
introductory zoom session on Saturday 15th January
at 11am to start the course off.**

**For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca
on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com**

EXPLORING SMALL CHANGES TO HELP OUR BIG PLANET



And finally...

On Thursday, representatives from Stoke City Football Club came to talk to the children. Children in Years 2 and 3 were given free tickets to watch a live football match at the Stoke City football stadium. The rest of the school were given vouchers to attend a match at a reduced rate. If you have never been to a football match, this is a great way to find out what it is like. The children and their families are put into a family friendly area of the stadium. If you want to take advantage of this offer, the tickets and money need to be in school by Wednesday 12th January (before 9.30am). Thank you.



Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

Monday 10 January	Swimming lessons begin – Elm and Sycamore Classes
Wednesday 12 January	Hand in Stoke City tickets
Thursday 13 January	KS2 Sports Hall Pentathlon
Friday 14 January	Maple Class – Forest School Starts
Friday 14 January	After School Activity Club – Beech Class 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Monday 4 April	Parents' evening – Face to face
Tuesday 5 April	Parents' evening – Face to face
Friday 8 April	Last day of the Spring term

Easter Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25 April	School opens
Monday 2 May	School closed due to May Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 7 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 20 July	Last day of the school year

Summer Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September 2022