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"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our Challenging goals."



Curriculum News

Details of the curriculum for the first half of the spring term are now on the website for all classes.

We're continuing with our attempts to introduce children to new sports and following last week's indoor canoeing for years 5 and 6, this week Mr Tyson has arranged for every class to experience a session of Thai boxing.

On Monday year 3 will start some regular Judo sessions and they are out all day on Thursday when they will return to the Stone Age (Hawse End) trying their hand at archery amongst other things.

On Friday year 4 will be combining rugby with maths aided with a visit from the Newcastle Falcons

ATTENDANCE and ABSENCE

School attendance percentages are affected by absence, whether or not it is authorised. Our new report showed you the band your child is currently in. New government directives say that 'persistent absentees' are now those with an attendance of less than 90%, this used to be 85%. Please avoid booking holidays in term time.

Late Gate

We have introduced a 'late gate' where if a child is late to school their time of arrival is recorded on the attendance register. If children are persistently late we will, in the near future, be contacting parents via letter to highlight a child's lateness. School begins at 8.50am and children are given a learning activity whilst registration is taking place.

NOROVIRUS

We have been advised by Public Health England that the region is beginning to experience a seasonal increase in the number of outbreaks of diarrhoea and vomiting caused by norovirus. Thorough hand washing is vital to help to stop the spread of the bug so please impress on your child the importance of good hand hygiene after using the toilet and before eating.

If you suspect your child may have symptoms of norovirus (diarrhoea and/or vomiting), please keep them at home to prevent an outbreak spreading around the school.

Children who begin to display the symptoms of norovirus whilst at school will be sent home immediately and should only return to school after they have been **symptom free for 48 hours.**

For more information please visit;

www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/pages/introduction.aspx

Emergency Contact Numbers

If you got a lovely, shiny new mobile phone for Christmas, please don't forget to update the school office and your Parentmail account if you have a new mobile number.

Textile Collection for Fires Fighters Charity

The local fire brigade are collecting for the above charity. Recycling bags are available from the office if anyone has any unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, perfumes, toiletries or linens they would like to donate.

Collection from school will be on Tuesday 26th January 2016

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance was only 95.3%



Music Lessons



Tues - a.m. – Guitar with Mr Curzon

Thurs – a.m. - Keyboard with Mr Bartholomew

Gritting

Priority areas will be gritted – these are pathways to the school and around the school. For your safety please keep to these areas during the inclement weather



Dates for your diary

Wed 6th Jan – Y4 swimming wk 1 of 5

Thurs 14th Jan – Y3 Stone Age Day visit to Hawse End

9th-11th March – Y4 Hawse End residential visit

9th – 12th May - SATS WEEK

Tues 24th – Fri 27th May – Y6 London residential visit

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	Spaghetti bolognaise or Vegetarian spaghetti Bolognaise with wholemeal garlic bread	Pepperoni or cheese & tomato pizza with potato wedges and baked beans	Sausage or vegetarian sausage with mashed potatoes, carrot & swede	Roast beef served with Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots and stuffing	Breaded chicken breast with chips and baked beans
CHOICE 2	Chicken casserole with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables	Salmon nibbles with potato wedges and red cabbage	Chicken or Quorn curry with boiled rice and naan bread	Vegetarian roast dinner	Pasta in sweet tomato sauce with garlic bread and garden peas
CHOICE 3	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled tortilla wrap with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna	Filled tortilla wrap with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna
DESSERT	Fruity flapjack with custard	Chocolate & mandarin sponge with custard	Fruit and custard	Iced sponge cake	Apple & cinnamon crumble muffins