



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been an even more challenging half term than any other during the pandemic and we are still a very long way from 'business as usual' in schools due to the rise in Covid cases we are all experiencing. Thank you all for your cooperation so far in regularly testing your children to help us minimise the spread of the virus.

Thanks also you to all parents who have continued to complete and send in the parental questionnaires. Thanks also for the lovely comments we received written on them.

One of the suggestion areas that some parents mentioned was they would like to see more after school activities/ clubs.

Those parents who were here prior to the Pandemic will know we offered free clubs every night after school but obviously this wasn't possible to do from March 2020 due to government restrictions

This half term we have offered football and dance club after school clubs to children in Key Stage 2. Following discussion with the children and also comments from the questionnaires, we have planned a larger variety of different clubs for all children next half term and they are as follows:

Autumn Term 2 clubs (from **3.20-4.20pm**)

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	FROM	TO
Monday	Dance Squad	KS1 & KS2	Mon 1 st Nov	Mon
Tuesday	Messy Advent Art	KS1	Tues 2 nd Nov	Tues 14 th Dec
Wednesday	Recorder	Class 3	Wed 3 rd Nov	Wed 15 th Dec
Wednesday	Computing	Class 4	Wed 3 rd Nov	Wed 15 th Dec
Wednesday	Dodgeball	Class 5	Wed 3 rd Nov	Wed 15 th Dec
Friday	Multiskills	Year 1	Fri 4 th Nov	Fri 10 th Dec

Each club is limited to 25 places.

N.B. Once your child has signed up for a sports club they must attend every session unless school is informed that they are unable to attend a particular week. If your child would like to attend a sports club, you will need to complete the form sent out on ParentApp today.



PTA meeting

We had a very productive PTA meeting on Wednesday evening and lots of new parents joined us for it! We discussed and organised some new events and planned some Christmas fundraisers as we won't be able to have our usual Christmas Fair.

The PTA are continuing to plan as many events as possible, given the restrictions in light of Covid, so please do your utmost to support all the events they have planned (more details to follow).

Thank You!

A HUGE thank you to Cain Hampson and his Mum who have prepared a Halloween cone of sweets for EVERY child in school as we couldn't have our Halloween Disco! How kind and thoughtful! We were so touched by this lovely gesture and the children were so excited to receive them yesterday.

PE Kits

After the half term break, the children will need some warm clothes (joggers and a sweatshirt or hoody) for outdoor PE lessons. Please ensure that they also have a pair of trainers which they can keep in school for the half term. If your child has pierced ears, please provide plasters in their school bag to stick over earrings during the PE lesson.

Staff Car Park

This is a reminder that parking within the school is restricted to staff and official visitors. Parents/guardians should not use the car-park as a drop off at any point during the school day. Parents must also not park on the zig zag lines in front of the school.

We ask that parents and carers please help us to ensure that our children are kept safe.

Children MUST walk with their parents down the path and MUST NOT cross behind parked vehicles unattended. Older children may be supervised by a parent from the top gate to walk down the path unaccompanied until they reach the playground.

Whilst the school cannot control parking outside its boundaries, parents of children attending the school are asked to park within the law and with consideration for other road users, pedestrians and our immediate community.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Malcolm's Attendance Award

Well done to Class 2, who have the best attendance again this week!

Stars of the week

R	Sam D
E	Krysta
A	Oscar
C	Oliver B
H	Murphy
Miss McNicoll's 5Ws award	Alice

Star Writer Award

Class 1: Penny

Class 2: Theo L

Class 3: Conor

Class 4: Tyler H

Class 5: Chloe

Halloween Trails

Pendle Forest Orienteers have teamed up with Rossendale Leisure Trust and Rawtenstall Market to put on a number of free events over half term.

From Saturday 23rd until Monday 1st November there will be three Halloween Trails around Rawtenstall all starting and finishing from Rawtenstall Market.

Short - 1.5km around the town centre with Halloween Orienteering Controls in shop windows.

Medium - 3.5km towards Whitaker Park.

Long - 5km - This will be a maprun like previous events at Marl Pits.

On Thursday 28th October from 11-1pm we will be holding a free 'Come and Try It' event at Whitaker Park for anyone to try 'real life' orienteering for free complete with control flags and electronic timing. There is no need to sign up for the event, the course will be a Yellow (beginner) 1-1.5km course within the park grounds starting and finishing near the cafe, all are welcome, families, adults, runners, walkers, anyone that wishes to try something new.

For the trails you will be able to collect the maps and the answer sheets from the new Market Office situated at the front of the building which is now open Tuesday to Saturday. You will also be able to download them and find them on <http://www.pfo.org.uk/news/halloween-trails>.

Finally, the children loved coming to school dressed in their Halloween costumes yesterday and £247.00 was raised for the PTA. Thank you for your generosity.

School closes today for half term and reopens on Monday 1st November . Have a lovely week!

Yours sincerely

Miss D McNicoll

ST MARY'S PTA FUNDRAISER



★ *Non-uniform day!*

Wednesday
20th October

Wear your own
clothes or spooky
fancy dress



EVERY child in the school will receive a sweetie cone to take home with them next week. These have been very kindly gifted by one of our parents . Thank you Diane!

Suggested donation is £2 per child, but as always, please give what you feel is affordable. Our PTA funds are lower than usual due to us not being able to do our big fundraising events during the pandemic, so we really appreciate your donations and support more than ever.

F+ Autumn/Winter 2021/2022		MONDAY		SUGARWISE TUESDAY		SUGARWISE WEDNESDAY		SUGARWISE THURSDAY		FRIDAY FAVOURITES		
WEEK ONE	Choice 1	Pork Sausages & Onion Gravy	Crumbed Potatoes & Carrot Batters & Garden Peas	Lancashire Cheese & Potato Pie (V)	Broccoli Florets & Sliced Beetroot	Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Cabbage & Carrot Batters	Creamy Chicken Tikka Curry	Mixed Rice & Nann Bread	Golden Crumb Omega 3 Fish Fingers	Oven Baked Chips or New Potatoes & Garden Peas	
	Choice 2	Creamy Cheese & Pasta Bake (V)	Homemade Garlic Bread & Salad Selection	Veggie Baked Bean Chilli (V)	Mixed Rice & Tortilla Chips	Pasta Neapolitan (V)	Homemade Garlic Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Roast Vegetable Potpat (V)	Seasonal Cabbage & Sliced Beetroot	Homemade Pizza Margherita (V)	Oven Baked Chips or New Potatoes & Sweetcorn	
	Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	French Bread Pizza with Cooks Choice of Topping	Paprika Potatoes Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Fruit Potatoes & Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Tuna & Cheese Pastic Melt	Herby Potatoes & Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Freshly Prepared Salad Selection
	Dessert	Fruit Crumble with Custard or Cream	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Shortbread Biscuit & Melon Wedges	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Crackers with Grapes	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Fruit Jelly & Orange Wedges	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Chocolate Cookie & Mithakaka	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk
WEEK TWO	MEAT FREE MONDAY		SUGARWISE TUESDAY		SUGARWISE WEDNESDAY		SUGARWISE THURSDAY		FRIDAY FAVOURITES			
	Choice 1	Homemade Soup & Cheese Pastic Melt (V)	Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Traditional Cabbage & Potato Pie	Seasonal Cabbage & Sliced Beetroot	Roast Chicken Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Florets & Carrot Batters	Beef Burger in a Bun with Tomato Ketchup	Paprika Wedges Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Crispy Battered Fish	Oven Baked Chips or New Potatoes & Garden Peas	
	Choice 2	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta (V)	Homemade Garlic Dough Balls & Broccoli Florets	Loaded Veggie & Cheese Taco (V)	Potato Wedges & Salad Selection	Veggie Korma Curry (V)	Mixed Rice & Nann Bread	Vegetable Lasagne (V)	Homemade Garlic Bread & Salad Selection	Homemade Pizza Margherita (V)	Oven Baked Chips or New Potatoes & Sweetcorn	
	Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Crispy Fish Finger Wrap	Potato Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	French Bread Pizza with Cooks Choice of Topping	Tortilla Chips & Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)	Paprika Wedges & Baked Beans	Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	
Dessert	Rice Pudding & Fruit Jam	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Fruit Jelly & Melon Wedges	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Fresh Fruit Medley & Vanilla Cream	Lancashire Cheese & Crackers with Grapes	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Chocolate Biscuits & Orange Wedges	Chocolate Biscuits & Orange Wedges	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk		
WEEK THREE	MONDAY		SUGARWISE TUESDAY		SUGARWISE WEDNESDAY		SUGARWISE THURSDAY		FRIDAY FAVOURITES			
	Choice 1	Pasta Bolognese	Homemade Garlic Bread & Salad Selection	Crispy Bubble Corried Salmon	Herby Potatoes Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Roast Pork Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Cabbage & Carrot Batters	Chinese Style Chicken Curry	Mixed Seasonal Vegetable Rice	Crispy Tempura Fish Gyoza	Oven Baked Chips or New Potatoes & Garden Peas	
	Choice 2	Choice of Filled Free Range Omelette	Paprika Potatoes & Broccoli Florets or Baked Beans	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl (V)	Herby Potatoes & Baked Beans	Pasta Amabilla (V)	Homemade Garlic Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Loaded Cheese & Onion Potato Skins (V)	Baked Beans & Salad Selection	Homemade Pizza Margherita (V)	Oven Baked Chips or New Potatoes & Sweetcorn	
	Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	French Bread Pizza with Cooks Choice of Topping	Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Pork Sausage in a Bun with Tomato Ketchup	Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	
Dessert	Marble Sponge with Custard or Cream	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Homemade Jam & Cream Split	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Crackers with Grapes	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Fruit Jelly & Orange Wedges	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	Chocolate Cupcake & Melon Wedges	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit Selection Organic Milk	