

Newsletter 7 - Term 1 – Autumn 2018

Dear Parents

I have been pleased to catch up with a large number of parents this week through the Reading Meetings. Some parent representatives offering help and support for our school also met with me this week and I am delighted with the suggestions and research that has gone into a number of projects already under consideration.

In summary they are as follows:

- Chef Mandy has offered to make Christmas cakes again this year. Order form attached.
- Marion Welton and a few other parents have offered to source and purchase some garden benches/picnic tables from the funds raised last year. Thank you – please go ahead although we will need to place and purchase the items to reclaim the VAT.
- Kate Thomas has put together our bid for the Playpod and hopefully will soon be in the decision-making stage by the Playpod company.
- Christmas card making and plate painting for Christmas gifts by the children will soon be on offer as an activity in and after school – WATCH THIS SPACE!
- Film Night for pupils – our catering staff have been busy planning this exciting event. A flyer and booking form will follow shortly.
- Our Christmas Fair looks promising with so many parents agreeing to run a stall; thank you in advance.
- The exciting possibility of leasing a brand new minibus is being actively explored by Kate Thomas who has sourced information from the School Minibus Company who offer various scheme options which enable schools to lease a minibus paid for through advertising. This would certainly bring the dream of AAA owning our own minibus into reality very soon.

Book Week

As you know, next week is Book Week. Please look out for a separate letter giving more details about this exciting week.

Community Carol Service at Abbot Alphege

In association with Reverend Philip Hawthorn and the parishioners of St Mary's Charlcombe we are delighted to invite you all to a community carol service on Monday 17th December at 6.00pm in the Abbot Alphege Hall. We will be inviting everyone in the new housing development as well as our families from Abbot Alphege Academy. Mulled wine and mince pies and music played by our combined staff and parent 'band' will make a festive start to the Christmas period.

Cake Sale – Thursday, 8th November 2018

A reminder that we are holding our cake sale with refreshments after school on Thursday 8th November 2018. Cake sales are always popular with both adults and children so please try and support the event by making or bringing in a cake or cakes – please no nuts; AAA is a nut free school! Cakes can be brought into school on the morning of the sale and any help setting up the Hall from 2.50pm would be most welcome.

Flu Vaccination Programme and Electronic Consent forms 2018/2019

Please see the following information from the School Age Immunisation Team at Virgin Care:

*“From September 2018 the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all **Primary children, Reception to Year 5**, using an electronic consent system.*

Nasal flu vaccination – Electronic consent - your child's nasal flu vaccination is now due and the date for this scheduled with school – ***14th November 2018.***

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link completing one consent for each child in Reception to Year 5:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=c0d9074d5c48fa792fe964db7f4d2b784894c58bd137d035088e0dcecbbf10e5>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 5 working days prior to the session in school. This link is secure and unique to your child's school. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

Many thanks for your co-operation".

Please view the newsletter on the website or your Parentpay email to click on the link.

Maths Week

During 'Maths Week' some lucky Year 3 & 4 children from AAA were able to take part in a *Puzzle, Problem Solving and Pondering* maths workshop, led by Sarah Savage with children from other schools at Abbott Alphege Academy. The children were presented with a range of mathematical challenges in which they had to demonstrate their excellent problem solving skills. All the children worked incredibly hard throughout the morning and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Very well done to all!

Requests to Take Pupils on Holiday During School Term Time

Please note that I am only able to authorise requests to take pupils on holiday during the school term in **exceptional circumstances**. A Holiday Request Form must be completed and sent to me at least two weeks prior to the date of departure. If a holiday is taken without authorisation then the details may be passed to the Children Missing Education Officer and a fine may be incurred.

Lunch Menu

Please find attached the Menu for Term 2.

Yours sincerely
Dr Anne Bull
Headteacher

COMMUNITY LINKS

Swainswick Explorers - a mix of Explorer, 'At Home' & Biking days. 29.10.18 to 02.11.18. Details & online booking at www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk

Spotters Hockey half term hockey camp. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/spottershockeyacademy/> for info.

'Super Pirates' Holiday Club, King Edward's School. For info please visit (www.superpirates.co.uk)

HLTA required at Moorlands Federation School - Application pack to be downloaded from www.thepartnershiptrust.co.uk/vacancies. All applications to be sent to HR@thepartnershiptrust.com

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Order Form for 8" Iced Top Christmas Cake (nut free)

Name:

AAA Class (if applicable):

Number of Cakes: (cash payment on collection please - £20 per cake)

Contact Mobile Number:

Please pass to Melissa or Marion in the playground or hand in at the AAA School Office by
08.11.18

WASPS & ABBOT ALPHEGE Menu, Term 2, October 2018

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN IN Yr 0 – Yr 2 ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS. THEREFORE, THE £2.20 CHARGE DOES NOT APPLY.

| | MEAT FREE Monday £2.20 | Tuesday £2.20 | Wednesday £2.20 | Thursday £2.20 | Friday £2.20 |
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| Main Meal | Roasted Vegetable Lasagne | Mildly Spiced Diced Beef Chilli | Free Range Roast Pork or Farm Assured Roast Chicken | Creamy Chicken, Ham & Leek Pasta Bake | MSC Jumbo Cod Fishfinger |
| Vegetarian Option | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans | Mushroom Stroganoff | 5 Bean, Chickpea and Red Lentil Hotpot | Roasted Vine Tomato and Mozzarella Tart | Macaroni Cheese |
| Alternative | N/A | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese | N/A | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise | N/A |
| All of the above served with | Fresh Salad Bar Garlic Bread | Wholegrain Rice and Fresh Seasonal Organic Vegetables Freshly Baked Bread | Roasted Potatoes Seasonal Organic Vegetables Vegetarian Gravy | Fresh Salad Bar Asian Coleslaw Freshly Baked Bread | Chips, Beans, Sweetcorn and Ketchup |
| Homemade Soup | Leek and Potato Soup served with a chunky slice of Homemade Bread | Hearty Pumpkin Soup served with a Crusty Roll | N/A | Roasted Tomato & Red Pepper Soup served with a slice of Homemade Bread | N/A |
| KS1 Lite Bite | Cheese or Egg Salad served with Pasta and Fresh Bread | Ham or Egg Salad served with Baby Potatoes and Fresh Bread | Ham or Cheese Salad served with Pasta and Fresh Bread | Cheese or Tuna Salad served with Baby Potatoes and Fresh Bread | Tuna or Ham served with Pasta and Fresh Bread |
| KS2 Lite Bite | French Baguette filled with Cheese or Egg with Fresh Salad | Tortilla Wrap filled with Ham or Egg with Fresh Salad | Wholemeal Sandwich filled with Ham or Cheese with Fresh Salad | Floured Soft Roll filled with Cheese or Tuna with Fresh Salad | French Baguette filled with Tuna or Ham with Fresh Salad |
| Dessert | Coconut & Raspberry Cookie Organic Yoghurt Fresh Fruit | Apple Flapjack Fresh Fruit Organic Yoghurt | Fruity Chocolate Krispie Cake Organic Yoghurt Fresh Fruit | Fruity Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard Organic Yoghurt Fresh Fruit | Strawberry Ice Cream Organic Yoghurt Fresh Fruit |

Please Note: Any child with food allergies or intolerances will be offered an alternative Main Course and Dessert to meet your child's needs. Please Contact Chef Stu or Chef Mandy should you have any Concerns. Fresh Water served daily.