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Newsletter - Friday 23rd September 2022**



Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly has been postponed to **Monday 3rd October 2022**. This is due to the school photographer using the Hall on Monday next week. Parents/Guardians will have already been notified via DOJO that their child will be receiving a certificate. This will stay the same but the assembly will not take place until the 3rd October 2022.

Thank you and apologies for inconvenience.

School Photos – Individual

A reminder to parents/guardians that all pupils will be having their individual school photos taken on **Monday 26th September 2022**. These will be done during the morning and siblings (in school) will have photos taken together also.

If you have younger siblings not in school and you would like a photo taken of them together, you can bring them into the Main Hall between 8.30 to 8.40am.

Thank you



INSET Days 2022/23

The school will be closed for staff training on the following days:

Monday 31st October 2022

Monday 2nd January 2023

Parent Readers

We are seeking parents/guardians who could spare an hour or so each week to come into school to listen to our pupils read.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer then please contact the school office by phone or e-mail. Tel: 01709 570297 / E-mail: enquiries@stp.dsat.education

Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Please find attached a link to our Anti-Bullying Policy for 2022/23 which is on our School Website.

<https://www.stthomas-kilnhurst.co.uk/policies/>



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Flu Vaccinations – FS2 to Year 6 Pupils

Parents/Guardians should have received an email from school on Thursday this week with details and a link from the School Nursing Service. Please can all parents/guardians complete the online consent form whether you wish your child have to have their Flu Vaccination or not. If you require any further information or are struggling to complete the form online, please contact the nursing team direct on: **0333 358 3397 (opt 2)**.

A reminder that the nursing team will be coming into school on **Monday 10th October (previously arranged for the 11th October)** to do the flu vaccinations. Forms must be submitted by the 4th October 2022 otherwise your child may not be offered the vaccine. Thank you

COVID Absences

The DfE guidance states that pupils who test positive for COVID will be authorised absence for 4 days only. Pupils do not need to re-test on day 5 to return to school. After the 4 days it will be an un-authorised absence without something from a GP. Thank you.

After School Clubs

There are still places available on the following after school clubs.

Monday's – Young Voices (Choir) with Mrs Mitchell – for year 3 to year 6 pupils

Monday's – Board Games with Miss Barton – for year 2 pupils to year 6 pupils

Thursday's – Gardening Club with Mrs Sanderson – For all pupils

To book a place, please log into your Arbor account. Please note places are allocated on a first come first serve basis and are free to all children. If you are having problems logging in, please see the school office.

Please note we do not run any After School Clubs during the last week of term (W.C. 17th October 2022).

Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 98.2%	FS2 – 93.3%	Year 1 – 96.6%	Year 2 – 98.7%
Year 3 – 89.4%	Year 4 – 96.2%	Year 5 – 97.4%	Year 6 – 86.6%

Congratulations **Class 2**, you are this week's attendance winners again! Well done.





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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parent Reading Meeting

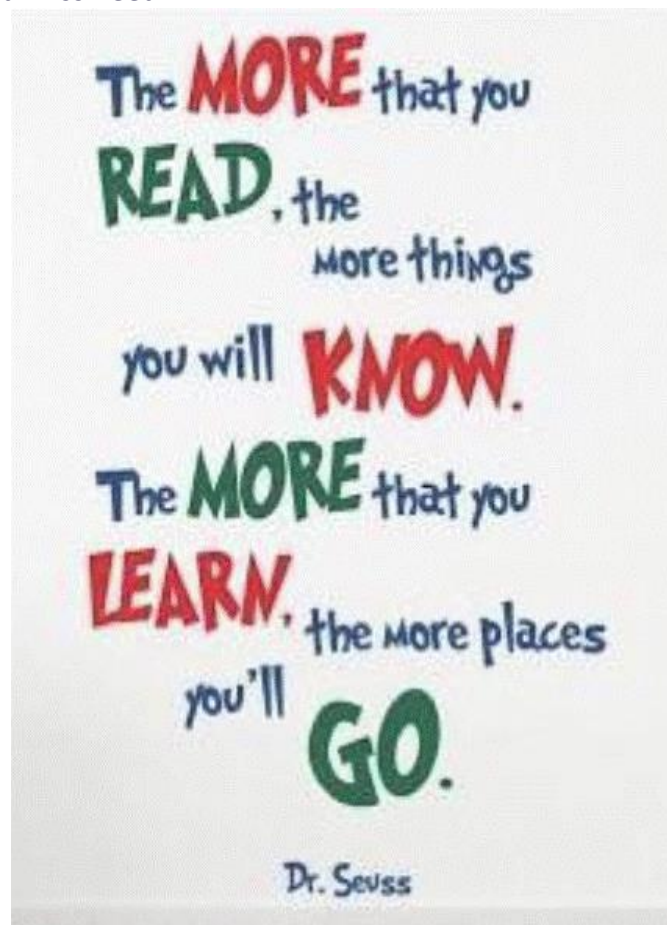
On **Wednesday 5th October at 2.15pm** a reading parent meeting will be being held in school.

The purpose of the meeting is to give further information to parents on how reading is taught in school and how you can support your child with reading at home. It will focus on both early reading/phonics as well as reading throughout school once your child is no longer on the phonics programme.

All Parents/Guardians are welcome!

To sign up to the meeting you can leave a message on your child's class DOJO, contact the school office or tell your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,
Mrs Webster and Miss Reed





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Bringing Books to Life Workshop for FS2 Pupils

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend this free workshop with their children on **Monday 3rd October 2022 from 9.00am to 11am.**

The workshop will take place in the Main Hall at School and is hosted by the Rotherham Creative Learning Team. It is free to all but children may only take part if they are accompanied by a parent/guardian or family member.

If you would like to attend, please let your class teacher know, drop a message via DOJO or contact the school office.



BRING BOOKS TO LIFE
EYFS YR1 YR2

This family learning session promotes the joy of sharing and reading books through the use of creative arts.

Bring a book to life by creating a range of storytelling props, that will enable children and their families to retell a story creatively. Families will learn how to make various elements of the story, by creating puppets, story spoons, story bags and other creative pieces.

Titles include: Handa's Surprise, We're Going On A Bear Hunt, Traditional Tales such as Goldilocks and The Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Gingerbread Man, as well as Dinosaur and Knight Stories.



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School Uniform Recycle shop

We have set up a 'school recycle uniform shop' over in our Nurture Bungalow for all parents/guardians to use whom may be struggling to buy school uniform for their children. We have school uniform, shoes, coats and even lunchboxes available in various sizes.

With the rising costs we are all experiencing at the moment, we wanted to try and help families. You can visit the shop at 8.50am each morning where Mrs Thompson will be happy to show you round. Alternatively, you can call into / telephone the school office where we will be happy to help.

We encourage parents/guardians to use the shop if you are struggling financially. This will be done in strict confidence.

We would also welcome any donations of the above items.

Thank you for your support.





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Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term

- 26th September 2022 – Individual school Photos (AM)
- 27th September 2022 – Class 6 – Crucial Crew Visit
- 3rd October 2022 – Celebration Assembly
- 11th October 2022 – Flu Vaccinations – FS2 to Year 6
- 2nd November 2022 – Bonfire Disco 3.15pm to 5.15pm – tickets on sale soon.
- 18th November 2022 – Christmas Fayre
- 29th November 2022 – Class 2 – Cinderella Pantomime – Barnsley Academy Theatre
- 6th December 2022 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – times tbc
- 7th December 2022 – Key stage 2 Christmas Performance – times tbc
- 8th December 2022 – EYFS Christmas Performance – times tbc
- 12th December 2022 – EYFS Christmas Party – times tbc
- 13th December 2022 – Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party – times tbc
- 14th December 2022 – Christmas Dinner
- 15th December 2022 – Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party – times tbc
- 16th December 2022 – Last Day of Term before Christmas holidays

School Dinners – Week 3

Primary Menu Week 3	'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Freshly Made Whole meal Margherita Pizza	Traditional Sausage & with Gravy	Roast Turkey served with Stuffing & Gravy	Chicken Enchilada with Baked Potato Wedges	Crispy Breaded Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Main Meal	Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Pasta	Chinese Vegetable Curry, Mixed Rice	Quorn Roast with Stuffing, & Gravy	Veggie Mince Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Cheese & Onion Quiche with Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potatoes	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna & Mayonnaise, Salmon Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans				
Potatoes	Baby Baked Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Jacket Wedges	Chipped Potatoes
Vegetable Selection	Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad	Baked Beans Cauliflower	Spring Greens Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with a choice of Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Dessert	Chocolate & Banana Muffin/Cake	Flapjack Finger	Jelly & Mandarins	Lemon & Blueberry Cake	Frozen Toffee Yoghurt



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Information from our School Dinner Team – Taylor Shaw





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Serving Food. Inspiring Learning.

Taylor Shaw is the school caterer of choice for thousands of primary pupils across the UK.

Our menu is appetising, nutritious, balanced, and designed to encourage children to enjoy food, learn, play, and grow.


Lunch is an integral part of the school day and something all children should look forward to. Our dedicated catering team ensures the dining hall is a welcoming and happy place for your child. How we serve our food is just as important as the food itself.

Our menus meet the Government's School Food standards and the bronze Food for Life standards.

- ✓ 89% of meals are freshly prepared daily
- ✓ No undesirable additives or artificial trans fats are used
- ✓ Our menus provide for all dietary & cultural needs
- ✓ Our suppliers provide appropriate Food safety standards
- ✓ Our catering team is supported with skills training in fresh produce

Food for Growth & Development

Good nutrition choices are vital to children's health, academic achievement, and wider performance at school. Many studies have shown that hunger affects concentration and that well-nourished children fare better at school.



Our Dietitians

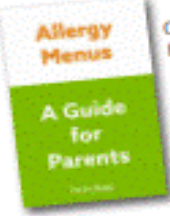

Our dietitians ensure menus are nutritionally sound, shaping recipes to ensure they meet the School Food Standards and standards set by Public Health England for salt and free sugar.

Managing Allergies & Other Medical Diets

It's important that children feel included and it's vital that they are safe. Our dietitians and catering team work together and follow a robust process, so you can feel reassured that whenever safely possible, an alternative menu will be provided.

All of our staff receive allergy training annually, and whenever there's an update to allergen laws.

Allergy Menus – A Guide for Parents



Our guide contains further information about the medical diet process including the medical diet request form. Copies are available from your school.



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Our Menu

Our menu includes a wide variety of options to suit all tastes based on feedback from pupils, staff, the catering team, and parents and guardians. We run a three-week menu cycle that changes twice a year. Our lunch service includes a choice of:

- ✓ Meat or vegetarian main courses
- ✓ Halal main courses
- ✓ Vegetable side options
- ✓ Sandwiches & jackets
- ✓ Daily salad selection
- ✓ Hot & cold desserts including fresh fruit & yoghurt
- ✓ Free drinking water



In addition, to help smooth the transition for KS2 pupils to KS3 we provide a range of 'grown-up, hand-held' options served in compostable or recyclable packaging.

Better for the Planet & Better for Us

As part of our carbon reduction strategy, we have moved to less carbon-intensive meats and introduced our Green Earth Monday initiative where all dishes served every Monday contain plant-based proteins.

Plant-based proteins provide many nutritional benefits including:

- ✓ Rich in fibre, vitamins & minerals
- ✓ Low in saturated fat
- ✓ Support a healthy digestive system
- ✓ Help to keep our heart healthy

Our menus are now more climate-friendly! With 719g of CO₂e less per meal served, on average. That's the same amount of carbon dioxide used to provide electricity for 162 homes in one year.

We Source Responsibly & Use:

- ✓ Red Tractor-certified meat
- ✓ Marine Stewardship Council fish (MSC)
- ✓ Free-range eggs
- ✓ Local suppliers for bread, fruit & vegetables, & dairy products to reduce food miles
- ✓ Seasonal produce



Eat & Learn

We encourage pupils to learn about food through fun-themed events, assemblies, and displays with messaging around health and wellbeing. This educational program helps children to:

- ✓ Keep themselves healthy by making informed decisions about the food they eat.
- ✓ Learn where food comes from
- ✓ Understand seasonality & how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught & processed
- ✓ How to eat better for the planet



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Taylor Shaw
Sustaining Food & Relationships

Eating a School Lunch is Better for Your Child

Did you know only 1% of packed lunches meet the nutritional standards that currently apply to school food?

5 reasons school lunches are better:

- ✓ Save time & money
- ✓ Nutritionally better than a packed lunch
- ✓ Promotes a varied diet & encourages new tastes
- ✓ Inclusivity, dining with friends
- ✓ Help academic attainment by being linked to improved concentration

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Free School Meals

Reception Class, Year 1 or Year 2

Your child will be able to get universal free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in reception class, year 1 or year 2.


Year 3 & above

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ✓ Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ✓ Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Find out how to apply on your local authority's website.



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**SCHOOL TERMS DATES 2022/23:
END OF SUMMER HOLIDAY**

Back to school - Thursday 1 September 2022

AUTUMN HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 24 October 2022

INSET DAY – Monday 31st October 2022

Back to school – Tuesday 1 November 2022

CHRISTMAS

Holiday starts - Monday 19 December 2022

INSET DAY – Monday 2nd January 2023

Back to school - Tuesday 3 January 2023

SPRING HALF TERM

Holidays starts - Monday 13 February 2023

Back to school - Monday 20 February 2023

EASTER

Holiday starts - Monday 3 April 2023

Back to school - Monday 17 April 2023

SUMMER HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 29 May 2023

Back to school - Monday 5 June 2023

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Holiday starts - Monday 24 July 2023

BANK HOLIDAYS

- Queens Funeral – 19th September 2022
- Good Friday - Friday 7 April 2023
- Easter Monday - Monday 10 April 2023
- May Day - Monday 1 May 2023
- Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 29 May 2023