



The Cathedral School

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Friday 7th January 2022

Head Teacher's Message

Dear All,

Happy New Year to all!

Welcome to Mr Mower, joining us in Class 7. Mrs Quinn will continue her teaching commitment in Class 7.

The New Year brings additional challenges as Covid and the new variant goes through communities. We are continuing the measures we had in place relating to hygiene and distancing. This involves attempting to create more distance between phases.

We returned to school with two staff absences and 3.15% pupil absence with Covid. This is our starting point, but as soon as we are together again, inevitably those who contracted the virus at the end of the holiday will see a positive test emerge and numbers will go up. A class received a letter today.

As the protocol has changed, I can only urge you and your children to take lateral flow tests regularly in order to monitor health and protect the community. This is proving difficult of course whilst there is a huge demand for tests, but please persist.

Work will be identified for pupils isolating with Covid who are not unwell or who are asymptomatic.

Where parents are in isolation but the children's tests are negative, prior arrangements can be made to drop off.

Our priority is to maintain education within the school and the school open as we are inevitably hit by staff and pupil illness. This may mean that staff move around to teach or support staff lead the learning under teacher direction. We will attempt to keep disruption to a minimum but I need to flag now that it will not be possible for staff to cover extra-curricular activities after school for their colleagues.

Finally, as per the letter last term, the Riverside car park was closed today ready to be a compound for the vehicles involved in the work in Tindall Square. The Council are providing traffic wardens and support for the situation including providing a safe walk way past the compound for children(and adults) walking to and from school.

Please remember you will need to adjust your parking habits and should park in a car park further away and walk. This could signal an improvement for our safety outside school; we will monitor the situation carefully as we are in contact with the Council about this.

Best wishes

Linda Wiskin

Notices

Please can we remind parents to contact the school office by email or answerphone if your child is unwell for every day they are absent.

If your child is ill with sickness (vomiting) or upset stomach please keep them off school for 48hrs from their last episode.

Calendar Events

Jan

12

Middle School Swimming begins

Jan

17

Extra Curriculum Clubs Start

Feb

14

Half Term

[SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

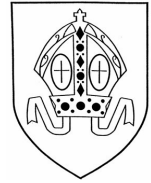


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Lunch Menu week commencing 10th January 2022

THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Week 2

MONDAY	OPTION 1 Macaroni Cheese with Gammon Peas Side Salad	OPTION 2 Macaroni Cheese Peas Side Salad	Dessert Fruit Crumble and custard Fruit Bar
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Butchers Sausage Mash Potato Baked Beans or Green Beans Side Salad	OPTION 2 Meat-Free Sausage Mash Potato Baked Beans or Green Beans Side Salad	Dessert Jelly Fruit Bar
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Shredded Cabbage	OPTION 2 Sage and Onion Topped Quorn Fillet Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Shredded Cabbage	Dessert Angel Delight Mousse Fruit Bar
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Nacho Chicken Wholegrain & White Rice Broccoli Florets Side Salad	OPTION 2 Nacho Quorn Wholegrain & White Rice Broccoli Florets Side Salad	Dessert Healthy Fruit Day
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Fish Fingers Chips Baked Beans & Sweetcorn Side Salad	OPTION 2 Cheese & Tomato Pizza Chips Baked Beans & Sweetcorn Side Salad	Dessert Chocolate & Cinnamon Shortbread Fruit Bar

Please remember to pre-order lunches on SCOPAY even if your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home.

Instructions can be found on our [website/parent's page](#)



Nut Free School The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts, We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes or in their snacks.

Please can we remind parents to cut grapes in half.

Thank you for co-operation.

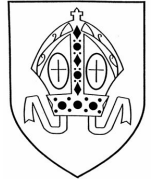


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Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip



The next instalment of £85.75 is due by 14th January for the IOW trip

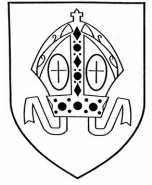


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Sign up to the Winter Reading Challenge and be entered into a prize draw to win one of these fantastic prizes!

- Explore Essex Explorer Passes, valid for one year.
- Sky Ropes Session for two, to be taken by 31 August 2022 (subject to availability). Min age of two for the junior course, min height of 1.22m for the main course.
- Essex Outdoors school holiday activity days, for one child aged 8-16, to be taken by 31 August 2022 (subject to availability).
- Wilderness Foundation activity afternoon, Chatham Green centre, for children aged 5-11 (and their parents and siblings) to be taken Saturday 26 April 2022.
- Signed books, from authors Emma Beswetherick, Catherine Emmett and Vassiliki Tzomaka.
- Love Essex goodie bags.

Full terms and conditions can be found on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk



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Children's Art Competition

Closing Date: Saturday 5 February 2022

- Have fun and create a piece of A4 winter themed artwork!
- Some great prizes to be won!
- Winners' artwork will be displayed in libraries and shared on social media!

Open to all children aged 4-11.

Visit libraries.essex.gov.uk or ask a member of staff for more information.

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