

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Monday 13th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just remind you of the following information we shared previously: following a ballot of its members, the National Union of Education Union (NEU) has announced a series of strikes on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

Based on the information we currently hold; **it is our intention to remain open on these remaining dates for all pupils**. However, if on any of the dates listed above, staff shortages fall below minimum requirements, it may mean that we are unable to deliver normal provision. In these circumstances, we would consider the following:

- restricting attendance to vulnerable children
- closing specific year groups/classes
- closing the school

We will only consider restricting attendance or closing the school if we were unable to provide safe staffing levels.

As forecast, the snow came and disrupted our plans for Thursday and Friday last week. Thank you to everyone for collecting children on Thursday afternoon; closing school is never an easy decision to make. I would like to personally thank the staff who stayed in school to look after the children allowing staff who live further afield to go home safely. Hopefully, the children enjoyed their time in the snow on Friday. There were some wonderful photos shared on Twitter. Our Little City experience has now been moved to Thursday 16th March. This is for Reception Class and Year One.

Please check your mobile phone numbers are current on ParentPay to receive text messages from School about clubs, special mentions, menu changes, etc. If you did not receive a text about the school closure, you will not be receiving updates form school.

Year 1 PE

Year 1 will be changing PE days. Their PE days will be Monday and Friday. Miss Saynor will be covering PE to cover for Miss Hines' planning and preparation time while Miss Parker supports more in Year Six on the run up to SATs.

Roofing works

The roofing work is now complete which we are delighted about. The scaffolding was due to be removed this weekend. However, the snow had other plans and this will now be removed next weekend. From the 20th March, we will be integrating Reception Class into the main playground at lunch time once we have access to both playgrounds again in preparation for Year One.

Absences

Please ensure you call school on each day of your child's absence, unless advised otherwise, either by speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message on the absence line. Failure to inform school of your child's absence will result in an unauthorised absence mark on the register. Ten or more of these marks can result in a council fine. Evidence is needed for any medical appointments taken during the school day. Please remember that if your child is absent with sickness and/or diarrhoea they must not return to school till 48 hours after their last bout. This helps in preventing the illness being passed on to other children.

Diary Dates

March

Year 6 Robinwood information session for parents 14th

Little City Moring for Reception and Year 1 16th (see Twitter for lots of photos)

Red Nose Day 17th Children can wear dress down clothes on this date if they wish- optional donation online.

Rocksteady concert 21st 10am families of children who take part in Rocksteady are welcome to watch (parents can arrive from 9:50am)

Year 6 Parents Evening 1pm onwards 21st

Year 6 Parents Morning am onwards 23rd

Year 6 Robinwood Residential 27th-29th

Easter Mass in school 29th Children Only

April

Parents Evening 1pm onwards 26th (Reception, Year 1, Year3, Year 4 and Year 5)

June

Year 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park 28th (More information to follow)

Winter Menu – Week Com 13/03/2023

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Traditional Meal of the Day	Homemade Pizza Slice Oven Baked Wedges	Homemade Chicken Casserole & Dumplings	Roast of the Day with Accompaniments	Oven Baked Pork Sausage	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Meatballs	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Fillet	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole	Ratatouille
Side Dish	Mini Potato Waffles Rice	Roast Potatoes Crusty Bread	Mashed Potato	Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato	Chips Crusty Roll
Accompaniments	Baked Beans Coleslaw	Baton Carrots Garden Peas Gravy	Broccoli Sweetcorn Gravy	Cauliflower Savoy Cabbage Gravy	Garden Peas/Mushy Peas Carrots, Side Salad Tomato Sauce
Salad Bar & Bread Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection
Dessert	Homemade Fruit Muffin	Fruit Neapolitan Ice Cream	Assorted Cookies	Mini Doughnuts with warm jam sauce	Chocolate Sponge Chocolate sauce
Daily Selection	Fresh Fruit Selection, Yogurt	Fresh Fruit Selection, Yogurt	Fresh Fruit Selection, Fruit Smoothy	Fresh Fruit Selection, Yogurt	Funky Fruit Friday Fruit in Jelly
Filled Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings

Please discuss this week's menu with your child prior to the day. They can then decide whether they would like to try something from our new menu or bring a packed lunch. This can now be pre-ordered on ParentPay.