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SCHOOL NEWS

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FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 2021

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Christmas Tree Trimming Assemblies - Early Years and Key Stage 1

On Thursday 2nd December, the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were afforded the opportunity to decorate the Christmas Tree with their handmade decorations that were completed in class during their Design and Technology session. To their surprise, Father Christmas and Frosty the Snowman made a grand entrance and both characters spread the much needed Christmas spirit in the assembly. The children had the opportunity to sing Christmas carols and danced with both Frosty and Father Christmas. It was a mystery who these characters were but in an attempt to reveal the surprise, a naughty Grinch exposed the masked identities. Little did they know that the Headteacher was Frosty and Toby's grandad was Father Christmas!

Parents, guardians and carers also had the opportunity to participate in the event whilst maintaining a safe distance from the children. They felt proud to watch the children perform their class Christmas carols then decorate the Christmas tree. It was a joyful and festive event which ignited the spirit of Christmas. 'Tis the season to be jolly!

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Christmas Meals

On Wednesday 15th December, we will be offering the children who wish to have a school dinner, a traditional Christmas meal and a dessert at a small cost of £2.40. All information regarding Christmas meals is available on iPayimpact. You will be required to log into your child's iPay account and select their meal preference at your earliest convenience. Please ensure your child's account is topped up with sufficient funds if you would like them to enjoy the festive meal. Once this is received, staff will then be able to pre-order to guarantee your child's meal choice.

Christmas Pantomime

On Thursday 16th December, all the children will have the opportunity to enjoy the annual Christmas Pantomime. This year, they will be watching 'Aladdin'. Due to the current pandemic and as a measure to keep everyone safe, we will be having **two shows** so as to avoid the whole school gathering in the hall at the same time. We do not wish for any child to miss out on this great Christmas show so please ensure your child attends school. Thank you.

Christmas Class Parties – *Non-Uniform Day*

The children's Christmas parties will be held on Thursday 16th December. All children are invited to come into school in their party clothes. To keep everyone safe and limit food contamination, we are kindly asking all parents, guardians and carers to ensure that each child brings in their individual food bags.

End of Term – *Friday 17th December*

A reminder to all parents, guardians and carers that **Friday 17th December** is the last day of term. Children will be dismissed at staggered times starting from 11:30am. Please see below for times:

Year Group	Pick-Up Time
Nursery AM	11:30am
Years 1, 2 and 3	12:00pm
Reception, Years 4, 5 and 6	12:15pm

Please note that afternoon Nursery will not be open and there will be no aftercare available on this day. Thank you.

DECEMBER 2021 TO JANUARY 2022

DECEMBER		
Thursday 16th		Christmas Pantomime
		Christmas Class Parties - Non-Uniform Day
Friday 17th		End of Term - Early Dismissal
JANUARY		
Tuesday 4th	1:00pm to 5:00pm	Virtual Parent Consultation via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 5th		
Thursday 6th		Term Begins
Wednesday 12th	9:15am	Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop
Thursday 13th		Young Voices O2 Performance
Saturday 15th		Primary School Admissions Deadline

Parent Consultation Meetings - *Virtual*

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of the upcoming changes to Parent Consultation meetings in January 2022. We will be offering virtual Parent Consultation appointments via your child's Microsoft Teams login on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th January. This will ensure that you can discuss your child's progress with the teacher in a Covid-secure way. If your child has Special Educational Needs, you will be asked to meet the teacher face-to-face so that your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) can be further discussed and signed. You will receive a letter next week with your allocated time slot and further relevant information.

Year 6 Parent Workshop

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a Year 6 SATs workshop on Wednesday 12th January at 9:15am in the Hall. During the workshop, we will share strategies and ideas that could be used at home to support your child's learning. It will be an informative workshop and it is highly recommended that you attend. It will also give you opportunities to ask any questions regarding the Year 6 curriculum and assessments. We are looking forward to seeing you all and please ensure you wear a mask.

Primary School Admissions 2022

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is midnight on **Saturday 15th January 2022**. To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period. The London Borough of Hillingdon states on their website that they cannot be held responsible for any delays in applications due to problems with postal or Internet service providers. Further information can be found on [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary] or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

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Week Commencing: *Monday 13th December*

SPECIAL MENU 3

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Orange Jelly*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Minced Beef with Gluten free Pasta	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Chocolate Mousse*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
WEDNESDAY - *'Christmas Meal'*		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Norfolk Turkey with a Rich Onion Gravy	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Roast Norfolk Turkey with a Gluten free Rich Onion Gravy	**Gluten/Dairy Free Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Roast Norfolk Turkey with a Rich Onion Gravy and a Pork Chipolata wrapped in Smoked Bacon	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 4	Roast Norfolk Turkey with a Gluten free Rich Onion Gravy	**Gluten/Dairy Free Non Halal**
Meal Choice 5	Cheddar Cheese, Tomato and Basil Tart with an Onion Marmalade	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 6	Whole Roasted Cauliflower with Garlic, Thyme and Black pepper	**Gluten/Dairy Free Vegetarian**
Vegetables	Roasted Rosemary and Thyme Potatoes, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots and Baby Buttered Brussels Sprouts	
	Gluten Free Sage and Onion Stuffing	
Dessert Choice	*Rich Chocolate Cake with a Caramel Fudge Sauce*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
Gluten Free Dessert Choice	***Gluten Free** Chocolate Fudge Cake served with Fresh Strawberries*	
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegatables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		
FRIDAY - ***NO LUNCH PROVIDED (EARLY DISMISSAL)***		

Keeping Children Safe – *Christmas Facebook Live*

Online Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at school. In an ever-changing world, ensuring pupils' safety online has never been more important. As we continue to promote positive use of technology to ensure the safety of all our pupils, they need strict guidance to positively and safely access information on the internet, communicate via social networks, use applications and play games. On Monday 20th December at 7:00pm, The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) DigiSafe will be hosting a Facebook Live Question and Answer drop-in for all parents, guardians and carers whose children have access to any internet-enabled devices via **@LGfLDigiSafe**. Special guests and leading experts including Common Sense Media will attend to share advice on applications, games and the latest trends. There will also be a discussion about various topics including bullying, relationships and criminal/sexual exploitation. Sign up now at [facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe/posts] to confirm your attendance.