



Weekly Family Newsletter

Wednesday 5th January 2022

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	School closed	School closed	Y1 Big PE Day	Y2 Big PE Day	
And Next Week ?	F2 Big PE Day		Y1 Big PE Day	Y2 Big PE Day	



Attendance for the week ending 17th December 2021:

Class	Attendance (%)
Mrs Jordan	93.1
Mrs Hibberd	100
Miss Dale	93.8
Mrs Bettinson/Mrs Briggs	97.0
Miss Hughes/ Mrs Hipkin	87.8
Mrs Timmons	88.3

Overall attendance for the week was 92.9%

This week's PE Challenge

Challenge: Learn and play the Mr Men game with your family at home!

Here are the rules: Move around the room or in a large space. Select someone to be the caller, when the caller shouts a name you must do the correct movement.

'Mr Slow' - move slowly

'Mr Rush' - move fast

'Mr Bounce' - bounce around

'Mr Muddle' - walk backwards

'Mr Small' - crouch down and move

'Mr Strong' - move flexing your muscles



Lunch Menu

The lunch menu for this term is attached to this newsletter.

Happy New Year to you all!

On behalf of the team here, we hope you all had a peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year break and enjoyed the unusually mild temperatures (although it looks like the wintery weather may be returning this week!). We trust that you enjoyed spending time relaxing and having fun with your friends and family, and hope that you all stayed well.

This week's bulletin is relatively short and includes updated information from the DfE, released over the Christmas break, to ensure that everyone has the latest guidance and advice to help keep our school community as safe as possible. Our usual newsletter will return next week.

Tea Towels and Coasters

Thank you for all your orders for tea towels and coasters. I think we can all agree that they were fabulous! We raised nearly £500 for the Friends of Halfway Nursery Infant Parents Group, which will all go towards activities for the children at Easter and buying book bags for our new starters during the coming year.

Mission Christmas Toy Donations

Thank you also for all your kind donations to our toy collection. These were all given to Mission Christmas, for distribution to local children in need. Thanks again for your kindness - we collected 58 toys altogether, in addition to the generous donations of food for the S20 Christmas Day Hamper appeal.

Recent government guidance for Covid-19

The Government's focus remains on keeping schools open with face to face provision, where possible. Contingency plans are being developed by the DfE to help schools with business continuity issues where staffing is impacted on.

There is an expectation from the DfE for 'test on return' for pupils – particularly those in secondary settings. Staff in all education and childcare settings should also take one self-test at home before they return in January, and then continue to test twice weekly at home. **Please can we remind you that anyone with possible symptoms should not enter our premises and should seek a test.**

Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22nd December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD (lateral flow) tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.

Updated guidance on the use of face coverings in education settings

It is now recommended that face coverings are worn in classrooms where pupils in year 7 and above are educated. The advice is short term to support pupils and teachers as they return to school this term and builds on the existing proportionate guidance that recommends face coverings for all adults in communal areas of all settings (including primary schools). The advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until Wednesday 26th January, at which point it will be reviewed.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.

Current requirements on remote education continue to remain in place

Although the focus is for schools to maintain face to face education wherever possible, as students and pupils return to education and childcare settings following the holiday period the current requirements for remote education continue to remain in place as DfE recognises that the high rates of COVID-19 may cause difficulties in terms of availability of staff.

The shared priority is to keep education settings open and children and young people continuing face-to-face education where possible. Where workforce issues arise, DfE has said that schools may wish to use existing teaching, temporary and support staff more flexibly where required to ensure the setting remains open, whilst ensuring appropriate support is in place for pupils with special educational needs (SEND).

Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advice on COVID-19 vaccination for at-risk 5 to 11 year olds, and booster doses for at-risk 12 to 15 year olds and all 16 to 17 year olds

On Wednesday 22nd December, the government accepted advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) that a primary course of vaccination should be offered to children aged 5 to 11 years old who are in a clinical risk group, or who are a household contact of someone (of any age) who is immunosuppressed. The NHS is working through updated guidance and will communicate how eligible children and young people receive vaccination.

Update to the definition of vulnerable children

For many children, continuing to have the protective factor of face-to-face education is vital. Throughout the pandemic, settings have continued to provide on-site places for this group of children. As has been the case since March 2020, there are three categories of children and young people who should benefit from on-site provision:

- those with a social worker;
- those with an Education, Health and Care Plan;
- a group of children considered locally, including by settings and local authorities, to be 'otherwise vulnerable'.

The DfE is updating this guidance to include a broader definition of children classified as vulnerable, including children known to children's social care services in the past and children whose home circumstances might be particularly challenging.

**On behalf of the team at school, a very warm welcome back to Halfway Nursery Infant School.
We very much look forward to working with you and your children this term.**

Kindest regards,

Paula Bestall

Headteacher



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Colours in the 1st column represent the food category and should choose for the meal that day

WEEK ONE		GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEKS COMMENCING: 03/01/22 : 24/01/22 : 14/02/22 : 07/03/22 : 28/03/22	Main Course	Vegetarian Chili with Mixed Rice and Mint Yoghurt	Classic Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Creamy Chicken & Butternut Korma Curry & Mixed Rice	Crispy Fish Finger Sandwich with Chips & Optional Lemon Slaw or Tomato Sauce
	Vegetarian Main Course	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza Slice with Jacket Wedges	Vegetarian Mince Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Vegetarian Balls with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Vegetable Korma with Mixed Rice	Crispy Vegetarian Burger with Chips & Optional Lemon Slaw or Tomato Sauce
	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Salmon Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Sandwiches	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
	Sandwiches		Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich
	Vegetables	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Roasted Vegetables	Cauliflower & Seasonal Greens	Carrots & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
	Dessert	Vanilla Sponge with Mandarins	Apple Flapjack	Apple Crumble	Watermelon & Pineapple Slices	Chocolate Cookie
WEEK TWO		GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEKS COMMENCING: 10/01/22 : 31/01/22 : 21/02/22 : 14/03/22 : 04/04/22	Main Course	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes	Cheesy Ham & Broccoli Spaghetti with Herby Focaccia	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Classic Shepherd's Pie	Crispy Breaded Fish Fingers & Chips with Tomato Sauce
	Vegetarian Main Course	Smoky Spiced Vegetable Stew with Mexican Rice & Homemade Tortilla Chips	Chinese Vegetable Curry & Mixed Rice & Naan	Roast Vegetarian Balls with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Baked Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Hot Dog with Onions & Chips with Tomato Sauce
	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
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	Vegetables	Sweetcorn with Peppers & Garden Peas	Green Beans & Cauliflower	Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Broccoli & Roasted Winter Vegetables	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Raisin Cookies with Watermelon Slice	Pear Upside Down Cake with Chocolate Drizzle	Jam Tart & Custard	Lemon & Blueberry Yoghurt Cake	(Hidden) Beetroot Brownie
WEEK THREE		GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEKS COMMENCING: 17/01/22 : 07/02/22 : 28/02/22 : 21/03/22 : 11/04/22	Main Course	Vegetarian Meatballs with a Mediterranean Tomato Sauce & Fluffy Cous Cous	Traditional Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Boiled Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Mild Piri Piri Chicken & Lentil Bake with Mixed Rice	Classic Friday Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
	Vegetarian Main Course	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with Baby Baked Potatoes	Vegetable & Wholewheat Tortilla Lasagne	Quorn Roast with Boiled Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Tomato, Basil & Courgette Pasta Bake	Mozzarella & Fresh Tomato Melt with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
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	Sandwiches		Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich
	Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables & Garden Salad	Green Beans & Cauliflower	Wok Bashed Vegetables & Carrots	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Garden Peas
	Dessert	Chocolate Shortbread with Apple Smiles	Carrot Cake Cookie	Peach Shortcake Bar & Custard	Watermelon & Pineapple Slices	Lemon & Courgette Slice

Yoghurt and fruit will also be available each day as an alternative to dessert. A selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water will be available daily.