

Keeping in Touch – 10th July 2020

Dear all,

I hope that you have had a good week, and in particular have enjoyed sharing your child's report with them. There is so much to celebrate and be proud of in what every child has achieved this year. From our point of view, we have been pleased with how it has worked sending the reports out electronically. We are in particular grateful for the patience of those of you who have been affected by the odd glitch we experienced. But we would welcome any feedback from your perspective as to how you found this system.

I hope that you felt reassured on reading through our plans for re-opening in September in the letter that got sent out yesterday. In school we are very much looking forward to getting back to something that feels more 'normal', and in particular means that we can resume teaching and learning effectively for all children in the stimulating environment of the classroom. Many apologies but I forgot to include in the letter that if you have children who attend school in different classes please drop-off all siblings at the earlier time and pick-up at the later time. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, however large or small, please do get in touch. I am keen that everyone starts the summer holiday feeling confident and excited about school and the next academic year.

In the letter that got sent out yesterday we mentioned that we will be moving to a new lunch provider in September. We have worked with Mrs B's successfully for a number of years but, for understandable reasons, they have been unable to facilitate the flexibility that we need at this current time and they have also announced a price increase for next year. Therefore we have made the decision to move to using Lataca to provide our school dinners (<https://www.lataca.co.uk/>). This company comes highly recommended by both Wansdyke and Rowde schools, who are also part of Acorn. In fact, Lataca works out of the kitchens on the Rowde site. For more information about their offer please see the following page.

Due to the requirements and regulations we currently have to operate under in school due to covid-19, we will be unable to facilitate the children having hot meals at the beginning of next year. We are very sorry about this, but the limitations of our site make it impossible to achieve at current times. We will be looking to re-start hot meals at the first available opportunity, but we will need the Government to ease restrictions for us to be able to manage this. Lataca however, are happy to provide packed lunches in the intervening time. These will cover our Free School Meals offer, to both eligible families and all children in YR-Y2, and can also be purchased by children in KS2. They will need to be booked, whether you have to pay for the meal or not, in advance. This will be done through WisePay as we have done previously. We will be posting the first menu early next week, and will let you know when this goes 'live'. There will then be quite a short window next week for choosing and booking meals, as we need to complete this before the summer holiday. We appreciate your understanding and co-operation with this.

For anyone who is interested or needs to explore childcare options over the summer holidays, Wiltshire have compiled a guide of currently available options. You will find this at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-coronavirus> where there is a document entitled 'School Holiday Activities 2020' that you will need to download.

Please remember the non-uniform days in aid of the Acorn Trust Appeal next week, and send your child in with a donation of at least £1 on their day, for this worthy cause to help families adversely affected by the pandemic prepare for school next year:

- Monday 13th July - Y2
- Tuesday 14th July - Y3/Y4B
- Wednesday 15th July - Y6
- Thursday 16th July - YR, Y1, Y5
- Friday 17th July - Y3/Y4A

I hope you all have a happy and restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Lindsey Hermon

Example Menus from Lataca

HOT DINNERS

Week 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main option	Homemade Lasagne Served with Green salad and crusty bread	Oven Baked sausages served with sauté potatoes, peas & sweetcorn	The Lataca Midweek Carvery – A selection of roasted meats served with all the trimmings & homemade gravy	Mild chicken fajitas served with Mexican rice, tortilla chips and crudités/dips	Cod fillet pieces with skin or fries and baked beans
Veggie option	Vege lasagne	Vege bake with peas and sweetcorn	Quorn Roast	Quorn chicken fajitas	Vege fingers skin on fries & baked beans
Carbs & sides	Lasagna and green salad	Sauté potatoes peas and sweetcorn	Crispy roast potatoes & market fresh vegetables with homemade gravy	Rice and tortilla chips	chips and baked beans
Pudding	Strawberry flavour soft scoop ice cream	Homemade caramel sponge with caramel sauce	Orange flavor jelly pots	Churros and chocolate sauce dip	Pick a pudding day- A choice of cold desserts for the children to choose from

Week 2					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main option	Spaghetti Bolognese with parmesan cheese and mixed leaf salad	Oven baked Cod fillet fish fingers served with potato wedges, peas and tomato relish	The Lataca Midweek Carvery – A selection of roasted meats served with all the trimmings & homemade gravy	Sausage and bean hot pot with crusty bread and sweetcorn	Cheese and tomato pizza with chunky chips and baked beans
Veggie option	Vege Bolognese	Vege fingers	Quorn Roast	Vege hotpot	As Above
Carbs & sides	Spaghetti pasta and mixed leaf salad,	Potato wedges peas and tomato relish	Crispy roast potatoes & market fresh vegetables	Bread and sweetcorn	Chunky chips and beans
Pudding	Strawberry flavoured jelly	Apple crumble and custard	Oaty flapjack	Chocolate ice cream	Pick a pudding day- A choice of cold desserts for the children to choose from

Week 3					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main option	Penne pasta with Bolognese sauce and salad	Fresh chicken goujons, Served with potato noisettes, homemade coleslaw and salad	The Lataca Midweek Carvery – A selection of roasted meats served with all the trimmings & homemade gravy	Meatballs & sauce served with rice, tortilla chips and fresh crudités	Cod fillet bites, skinny fries and peas and ketchup
Veggie option	Vege bolognese	Vegetable goujons	Quorn roast	Vege meatballs	Vege bites served with skinny fries, peas and ketchup
Carbs & sides	Garden salad	Potatoes salad and coleslaw	Crispy roast potatoes & market fresh vegetables	Rice, tortilla chips and crudités	chips and peas
Pudding	Raspberry fruit jelly	Pineapple sponge and custard	Homemade banana sponge cake	Homemade caramel shortbread squares	Pick a pudding day- A choice of cold desserts for the children to choose from

Available each & every week					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jacket potato	Oven baked jacket potato served with side salad & a choice of toppings; Grated cheese, coleslaw or beans				
The other option	Homemade Potato and leek soup, fresh chunky bread, crudités, fruit, yogurt, pudding of the day	Ham Sandwich, crudités, savoury snack Fruit, Yogurt pot and pudding of the day	Tomato and basil soup fresh crudités, savoury snack, yogurt pot, fresh fruit and a pudding	Cream cheese & crackers, salad, crudités, fresh fruit, yogurt and pudding of the day	Cheese baguette, mixed salad, fresh crudités, savoury snack, yogurt pot, fresh fruit and a pudding

Water is provided at lunchtime.
As well as our puddings, a selection of fresh fruit & yogurts are available daily, along with a fresh side salad and crudites

PACKED LUNCHES

Week 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main option	Ham/Jam/Cheese sandwich, crudités, crisps, fruit, yoghurt and a pudding	Ham/Jam/Cheese sandwich, crudités, crisps, fruit, yoghurt and a pudding	Ham/Jam/Cheese Roll crudités, crisps, fruit, yoghurt and a pudding	Ham/Jam/Cheese Roll crudités, crisps, fruit, yoghurt and a pudding	Ham/Jam/Cheese Baguette crudités, crisps, fruit, yoghurt and a pudding

Puddings vary daily between homemade flapjack, sponge cakes and shortbread.