



Live well, laugh together, learn forever

So there is such a thing as a free lunch!

And it's even better when it's a delicious, home-cooked ROAST, using only the best quality, locally sourced ingredients that are freshly prepared by our passionate kitchen staff.

As part of the launch of our new catering partnership with TnS, this coming Thursday (4th October) is SUPERHERO day in the dining hall, with competition prizes on offer and a free lunch for all KS1 pupils. For further competition details, see the attached flyer and a more detailed menu for the day is to follow. There is no need to book as all KS1 pupils will be provided with this, however if your child would prefer a different menu choice, please just see the school office to order an alternative from a range of options that are also freshly prepared to the same high standards.

Later in the year, we will be running a similar promotion, offering a free taster menu to KS2, however this is only now in the planning stages.

Parking and road safety:

A number of concerns have been raised to us about the safety on the roads around school, particularly around The Brook. The road at this point is very narrow and only just wide enough for two cars to pass. Many of you use The Brook carpark to drop your children off in the morning, however some of you parking along the side of the road which is causing a risk to pedestrians (particularly the children) who are having to cross the road between parked cars. It is also causing considerable congestion and delays as cars are unable to get in and out of the carpark, backing the traffic up onto the main through route for traffic in the village, in turn causing further traffic jams. This is a concern for the whole community, particularly as a child has been hit by a car at this particular spot a few years ago. Therefore we would like to urge parents not to park along the entrance to The Brook. We would also like to remind parents parking on Bellairs to park considerately, not blocking the driveways of those that live in the area. Later in the term we will be looking at Road Safety and alongside our work of sustaining a Healthy School, we will be exploring the idea of a 'Walking Bus' for children – if this idea is something you may be interested in, drop us a line in the school office.

Communications:

Working in partnership with you is hugely important to us, and we are planning a number of events and opportunities over the coming year for you to be more informed and get more involved with your child's learning. If you have any ideas, or concerns we always want to hear from you, however sometimes timing this right can be difficult.

Many of you communicate with us in a variety of ways and to ensure that messages get through and are dealt with efficiently and effectively, we will be introducing a number of systems over the coming months, when we will update our Communications, Concerns and Complaints Policy on the website, however the following systems are already in place, and we ask that you work with us to ensure that any issues are dealt with fairly and appropriately, in as timely a manner as possible:

- In the first instance please ensure that you discuss any concerns you may have with your child's Class Teacher(s).
- If there is something you would like to chat about in the morning, please be aware that the Class Teacher's are in the classrooms preparing for learning and greeting the pupils therefore it is inappropriate to see them at this time.
- Appointments can be made at the end of the school day – teachers are usually available at the end of the school day to speak with parents, however please be aware that there may be other parents that also need to speak with the teacher so wherever possible we ask that you make an appointment, either speaking to the Teaching Assistant on the door in the morning or speaking with the school office.
- Sometimes the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher may be available should you wish to speak with someone urgently, however unfortunately this may not always be possible.
A message will always be taken and the appropriate staff made aware, and someone will be in contact as soon as possible. Please remember that issues should always be discussed with the class teacher in the first instance.
- You may not be able to speak with us in person, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk to us about, no matter how small, please be sure to let us know – either by calling or emailing the school office. If you would like to speak to the myself as Head, I am always happy to hear from you and respond to you as soon as I am able, however I ask that you contact the office in the first instance, as I want to be sure that emails to my own account are not missed or stuck in junk for days!

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

The following dates have been set for events over the coming term:

Friday 21 September – Jeans for Genes Day

Saturday 22 September 5pm – St Andrews Church Fundraising Concert

Monday 24 September – we look forward to welcoming the TNS Catering Team and trying the new dishes as the menu evolves

Wednesday 3 October – we are really looking forward to the first FOSS Cake Break of the year. (KSI baking)

Wednesday 10 October – World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 10 October – FOSS EGM – Would you like to join the team, even if it's just baking a few cakes? If so come along to find out more.

Wednesday 10 October – Monday 15 October – Book Fair
Wednesday 17 October 9.15am – School Harvest Festival Service at St Andrews Church. We look forward to receiving any donations you wish to make from **Monday 15 October**.
Wednesday 17 October – Governors Teaching and Learning Walk
Thursday 18 October – Year 5 to Ely First Station
Friday 19 October – School closed Staff INSET Day
Monday 29 October – Back to school
Week beginning 29 October (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) – Parent Consultations –details to follow.
Wednesday 31 October – Governor Teaching & Learning Meeting
Friday 2 November – Governors Teaching & Learning Walk
Tuesday 6 November – Individual school photographs
Wednesday 7 November – Governors Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting
Friday 9 November – FOSS Disco
Wednesday 14 November – FOSS Cake Break (KS2 baking)
Monday 12 November – Friday 16 November – Anti-bullying Week
Saturday and Sunday 1 & 2 December – St Andrews Church Christmas Tree Service
Wednesday 5 December – Flu Vaccinations (Yr R to Yr 5)
Friday 7 – FOSS Christmas event
Tuesday 11 December – Royal Opera House Trip
Monday 17 December – KS2 Carol Service at St Andrews Church
Wednesday 19 December – last day of term – whole school service
Thursday 2 & Friday 4 January 2019 – Staff INSET days
Monday 7 January 2019 – Back to school

We will update you on other dates in following Newsletters.

I am really looking forward to greeting those of you who are able to join us for our first event of the school church year at the Harvest Festival on Wednesday 17 October 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Gore-Rowe
Headteacher