



Week Ending: Friday 13th January 2023

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Dear Parents,

Happy Friday! It's the end of the first full week in school and I've been really impressed with the learning I have seen in every class. The children all seem extremely excited about their new Spring Term Topics. Year 1 are learning all about Africa, Year 2 are travelling back in time to discover what it was like during the Stone Age, Year 3 are learning all about the Amazon Rainforest, Year 4 are immersed in the world of the Ancient Greeks, Year 5's focus is on Castles and Year 6 are learning all about Civil Rights. With such a fabulous variety of topics on offer, there's no wonder the children are excited! Each of the topics link with the children's learning in history, geography, art, design and technology, reading and writing during this term. Teachers will be sending home topic letters and Knowledge Organisers today so please have a rummage through your child's bag if you don't receive these. Reception will be bringing theirs home with them next week. The Knowledge Organisers are packed full of facts and information about each of the topics and if you look at these regularly and discuss them with your child, they can really support their learning in school. They also have some great ideas for home learning on them for you to complete with your child at home. Please remember to send any of the projects completed into school. We love to see what has been created and to display them in classes.

As you are aware, we have been looking at different ways to ensure that we make the very best use of our wonderful school site and have been keen to enhance our curriculum even more through using the outdoor spaces we have. Throughout the year, every class now takes part in outdoor learning with Mrs Desogus for half a term and the children are always keen to tell me how much they love being outdoors to develop different skills and challenge themselves. This week, we welcomed Kayleigh from OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning - to school and all staff took part in after school training to start us off on an exciting journey to transform how we develop play opportunities around our school site during break and lunchtimes! Mrs Desogus will be sharing more information with you all about this very soon but in the meantime, thank you to all of you who have already kindly donated different items to us to get us started!

On Wednesday, we were honoured to have been invited to take part in the ESFA under 11 school teams West Midlands County Finals Programme. Our team of footballers played amazingly well and their sporting behaviour and teamwork were superb. Well done, everyone. Well done too to our Basketball team who took part in a tournament at Lordswood last night. They played brilliantly and showed such determination and resilience. Their efforts were rewarded with an impressive third place. Thank you to Mr Brooks and Mrs Robinson for cheering you on so enthusiastically!

We welcomed the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra to school today for everyone in KS2 to watch a hybrid concert here at school. I won't give too much away now as all of the children in KS1 have this to look forward to next week but I can share that the children loved finding out about different sections of the orchestra and hearing the live performance.

Have a great weekend Miss Arrowsmith

Diary Dates January 2023

<u>Monday 16th</u> BAGS 2 SCHOOL Drop Off @ 8.30-8.50am

> Afterschool Clubs: Multiskills & Games -Reception

> > Coding - Year 1

Touch Typing - Years 5 & 6

<u>Tuesday 17th</u> BAGS 2 SCHOOL Drop Off @ 8.30-8.50am

Afterschool Clubs: Young Voices Chior -Year 5 & 6

Basketball - Years 5 & 6

Coding & Digital Skills -Year 4

Football - Years 2 & 3

Book Club - Year 1

Years 2 PE Kit Needed

<u>Wednesday 18th</u>

BAGS 2 SCHOOL Drop Off @ 8.30-8.50am

Years 4 & 1 PE Kit Needed

<u>Thursday 19th</u> Afterschool Clubs: Invasion Games - Years 1 & 2

Years 5 & Reception PE Kit Needed

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Afterschool Clubs: Handball - Years 3 & 4

Year 6 & 3 PE Kit Needed





WEEK COMMENCING 16TH JANUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FishFingers Vegan Bites acket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Curry Vegetable Curry Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Chicken With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cottage Pie Vegetable Cottage Pie Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn	Rice Carrots	Creamed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Creamed Potatoes Peas	Chips Baked Beans
Fresh Se	asonal Salad Bar Av	ailable Every Day W esh Fruit & Yogurts		esh Daily
Jam Doughnuts	Flapjack	Assorted	Chocolate	Strawberry & Vanilla

School meals are £2.35 per day, payable via Arbor, for years 3, 4, 5 \$ 6, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please note that for Reception, Year I and Year 2 <u>ALL</u> children are entitled to universal free school meals.

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Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

Please return your Bag2School on: Wednesday 18 January 2023 by 9am twww.bag2school.com 01609 780 222

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Dear parents, a reminder that Bag2School will be collecting your bags of pre loved clothes and pairs of shoes on Wednesday 18th January 2023. Please bring your bags in on the mornings of 16th, 17th & 18th January 2023 and leave them on the tables underneath the canopy.

CAKE SALE FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY



FOGM will be hosting a cake sale in the main hall on Friday 20th January 2023. Please come along and purchase your after school treats! Every donation and purchase that you make helps to raise money for the benefit of your children.

Thank you, as always, for your support!

Wintry Weather

There has been a lot of talk about some wintry weather on the way soon so I thought it a good time to remind everyone of our procedures when there is ice and snow. Whilst we endeavour to avoid any disruption to school, in the event of snow or ice on the site, there are times when it is necessary to restrict entry to the school site via the main gate if conditions on site are dangerous. In the event of this happening, a text message to all parents is sent from school. In the rare event of school closure, school aims to inform you of this as early as possible via text and a message on the homepage of our website.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date on Arbor.