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Staffing

Mrs Cleghorn is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave in a few weeks, after the February half term holiday. We wish Mrs Cleghorn all the very best for the future. I am delighted to say that Miss Emma Turner will be teaching Beech Class to cover Mrs Cleghorn's maternity leave. I hope EYFS parents will be able to meet Mrs Turner in the New Year.

Healthy Snacks

EYFS and KS1 pupils continue to have a healthy snack provided by the Government to be eaten at school. It is usually fruit or vegetables. It is great to have our tuck shop up and running again for KS2 pupils. 1 slice of raisin bread or cheesy bread is 20p. I have noticed that many KS2 pupils are having a bag of crisps for their snack or a chocolate biscuit. Unfortunately crisps have a high fat and high salt content and chocolate biscuits have a high sugar content and are not considered to be healthy snacks. Therefore we would ask that you provide a healthier alternative in the new year which links to our healthy eating curriculum. I am sure not many of us have time to cook so I have listed things that do not require much preparation! Some ideas are below but there are plenty of others online. Please also remember that we are a 'NUT FREE' school as we do have some pupils with a nut allergy. Thank you in advance for your support.

- a pot of dried fruit
- wholegrain crackers with cheese
- mini cheeses
- whole fruit – pots of grapes or cut up melon/pineapple make a change from a bruised banana
- a pot of plain yoghurt
- lightly salted popcorn (no toffee!)
- wholegrain rice cakes
- handful of berries
- 2 dried apricots
- handful cherry tomatoes
- a pear or an apple
- carrot sticks
- celery sticks

The school day

Just a reminder about the changes to the school day in January 2023. All doors will open at **8.40** for the children to be in school at **8.45am**. The playground will not be supervised as we expect the children to come straight into school as usual. All year groups will finish at **3.15pm** rather than 3.00pm from January.





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Healthy School

Good handwashing, 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' seem to be the best preventative steps for reducing the spread of Strep A infections. We will continue to notify you if there is a case in your child's year group.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-63836093>

Pupil Sickness Absence

In order to prevent the unnecessary spread of infections amongst the children, our policy states that when a pupil is absent with sickness, diarrhoea or any other infectious illness, they must be absent for 48 hours minimum. If your child returns to school before 48 hours you will be asked to collect them to go home again. This measure is common practice in schools and is in place in order to keep pupils and staff as healthy as possible.

Please do not send your child back into school with calpol as we cannot administer any medicine unless it has been authorised by the Headteacher. If your child has had a dose of calpol in the morning before school, they may not be well enough to be in school as the day progresses and could still be infectious. If your child is well enough to be in school and needs to finish a course of antibiotics, please speak to a member of the admin team who will be able to advise you. Thank you.

Thank you for attending our school events this term. It has been so good to have everyone together again and very enjoyable to see familiar faces. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our fantastic school and wish you a merry and healthy Christmas holiday period. Happy New Year and we will see you on January 5th 2023!

Best wishes,

Theresa Thornton
Headteacher

