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Happy new year

Welcome back to all of our families and children. We hope that you have been able to enjoy a good break together and that you had an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends. Once again this term, we extend a warm welcome to the new families who join us and hope that you quickly become established as part of Monkfield Park.

We would like to welcome Mrs Martin back following her maternity leave, as she resumes her teaching role on a part time basis in Year 1. She will share the class responsibilities with a new member of staff, Mrs Evans. Mrs Martin and Mrs Evans have already been in school regularly and have got to know the children very quickly. We would like to thank Mrs Giddings for her work with Blue Class whilst she covered the maternity leave period for Mrs Martin.

Update collection contacts for children

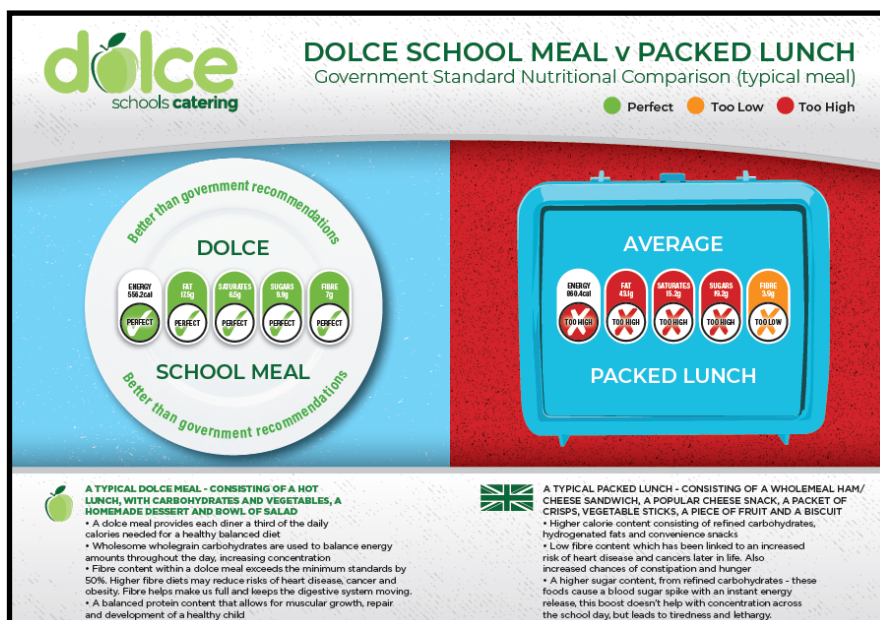
Please ensure that we have the correct contact details for your child, including the most up to date information about who is permitted to collect them from school, which should be detailed to the school office. Last term, we encountered some occasions where adults who were known to the children (but not to the school) arrived to make collections. Unfortunately if adults collecting aren't listed by the school, we cannot allow children to leave with them. Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.



Attendance

At the end of last term we were delighted to celebrate the 82 children who managed to achieve 100% attendance for the entire Autumn term. This was no easy task, given the number of Winter bugs around. Some of the children who had managed to achieve 100% attendance told us that their secret weapons were eating a balanced diet, taking vitamins, getting plenty of sleep and exercise, and ensuring that they washed their hands regularly. We rewarded those children with a special certificate.

Please be reminded that if attendance falls below the national expectation of 96%, we may contact you to express our concerns and to offer support. Attendance can often be improved by ensuring that appointments are taken outside of school time, that breaks are taken in the designated school holiday times, and that children are punctual. If children arrive later than 9.10 am then they are classified as unauthorised late and therefore absent.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Tayyaba in Delphinus class—Tayyaba is always responsive to feedback from the staff at school. She uses their advice to always make improvements to her work.

Oliver in Lacerta class—For always lifting everyone's spirits with his happy, smiley manner. He also shows such amazing perseverance in reading and is making great progress.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child if there are more sphere or cylinder shaped objects in your house.

Ask your Year 1 child to describe what the weather is like during the 4 seasons.

Ask your Year 2 child what makes them special.

Ask your Year 3 child how to divide.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain their idea on the theme of 'Connections' in their story.

Ask your Year 5 child to discuss the things they were grateful for over the Christmas break.

Ask your Year 6 child to retell the story of Robin Hood using actions.

FORTHCOMING DATES

13th & 14th January—Year 6 SAW project

13th January—Public speaking competition for selected children

21st January at 6pm—Y6 SATs meeting for parents of children in Year 6 only

24th January at 9am—Violet Class assembly

27th January—Vision screening for Reception children

31st January at 9am—Columba Class assembly

10th February at 6pm—Key Stage 2 'Reading Revealed' meeting for parents

11th February at 10am—Year 2 performance

12th February at 2pm—Year 2 performance

13th February (am) - Reception Come and Share

14th February—Friends 'break the rules day

17TH—21ST FEBRUARY—HALF TERM

6th March—Mid year reports sent home

9th March—Book Week

18th March at 2pm—Year 5 performance

18th March—Reception Come and Share event (PM)

19th March at 6pm—Year 5 performance

20th March at 9am—Blue Class assembly

24th March—Height and weight checks for Reception & Year 6

26th March—Parents' evening

31st March—Parents' evening

1st April—LAST DAY OF TERM

2ND APRIL –16TH APRIL—EASTER HOLIDAY

17TH APRIL—INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

20TH APRIL—CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Supporting your child to reduce their anxiety and increase their confidence.

Monday 13th January: 10am-11am

**Blue School, Eastgate,
Great Cambourne, CB23 6DZ**

**Come and find out different ways to help your child with the
following**

Building resilience

Increasing confidence

Dealing with difficult emotions

Facilitated by Early Intervention Family worker's

Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington

01954 284604

Headteacher parent drop ins

Once again this term, Mrs Jarman, the Headteacher will be offering parent drop ins for anyone who wishes to discuss any aspect of school life throughout the Spring term. The dates can be found below, but please remember that these are offered on a first come, first served basis and you may therefore have to wait to be seen.

17th January 9—10am

25th Feb 2-3pm

21st January 8—9am

6th March 9-10am

29th January 3.30—4.30pm

11th March 8.30—9.30am

5th February 3-4pm

19th March 4.30—5.30pm

10th February 4.30—5.30pm

Reception classes visit Cambourne Library

The Reception children enjoyed a festive visit to Cambourne library at the end of the Autumn term. They took part in a fun and interactive Christmas themed story and rhyme session. They were very fond of the book named 'Merry Christmas, Splat' and loved learning the song 'Twinkle Twinkle, Christmas Lights' - an alternative version of the version we all know so well.

A return visit has been planned for this half term so that they can open their own library accounts and to choose a book to borrow and read at home.



Festive fun for Team Afternoon

On Monday 16th December, the children gathered together in their house teams for the first team afternoon of this academic year. As the children were more than excited for the upcoming Christmas celebrations, the afternoon was full of festive fun that ranged from Christmas dancing, to festive singing, and party hat making.

The five teams also took part in a challenge activity over the course of the afternoon to compete to see which house team could land the most snowballs in the Christmas box. It is always wonderful to see the children come together in their teams and to watch them interact and have fun together out of their class groups. Ideas for the Spring term team afternoon are already underway!



Outdoor play equipment

Please do not permit children to use the play equipment before or after school. This includes the gym equipment at the front of school, the trim trail and the equipment at the back of the field. Children are only permitted to use this equipment under the supervision of adults who work at the school. Thank you for your co-operation.