

# SJB Weekly

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

At the moment, Covid is impacting upon school as it is in most workplaces and aspects of life. We have had seven members of staff isolating this week. Ms Steele was able to teach Year 6 virtually at some point every day during this time. The Year 6's were fantastic so a huge well done to them for working hard during this time. I know many schools across Barnsley who have been operating with significant staff shortages this week due to the rising cases of Covid across the UK, some having to close to full year groups. We are very thankful to staff for covering where needed and helping to keep school running as seamlessly as possible. Our wonderful staff have been flexible and adaptable, and I cannot thank them enough.

We also wanted to let parents know that Miss Bailey (who is support in Year 6 and covers across KS2) will be absent from today due to illness. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and we hope that she will be back with us towards the end of the Spring term. The Year 6 team I know are missing her already. Due to Miss Bailey's absence in school, we have had to change things around to allow Mr Hague to step into Miss Bailey's role in Year 6 to support our older pupils in their final year. This might mean that Mr Hague is no longer covering PE or ICT in your child's class. Some PE times have also changed (again) as a result.

<b>FS2 (Reception)</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Friday</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Monday and Tuesday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>

This week we have also been privileged to take part in some singing workshops in Years 4, 5 and 6 with the Wakefield Cathedral. Thank you to Mrs Goodyear for organising these workshops. Our Year 5 pupils will also start their two-week swimming block from Monday. Pupils need to be in school for 8:30am every day. Unfortunately, we cannot take siblings into school early on these days as these are not contracted hours by staff in school and it is a time when staff are setting up their classrooms. Staff really do go over and above at our

lovely school, however due to safeguarding procedures that must be followed, we cannot commit to this on a regular basis for 2 weeks. We hope you understand our reasoning behind this.

### **Attendance**

2021 was once again a challenging year, whilst 2020 was unprecedented, we seem to be a little clearer of the pandemic at this point (fingers crossed). We have such an understanding community of families and we are grateful for your previous and continuing support. However, with the ongoing situation especially with escalating cases of the Omicron variant, it is vital that your child attends school regularly to successfully access their learning. Just as before the pandemic, if your child is unwell, you must let school know at the beginning of the school day. If your child is just a little under the weather, feels unwell or has a headache for example: then they should be in school. If their health deteriorates during the school day, then you will be informed. However, if your child has been a close contact with a Covid-19 positive case they should continue to attend school unless they are symptomatic; having regular lateral flow tests, which are advised. Unless your child has a positive lateral flow or PCR test then they should continue to attend school.

I do have to say that some children are becoming persistently late and arriving through the office main entrance after 8:50am. We have a ten minute drop off window between 8:40am-8:50am. Please make every effort possible to arrive on time. From Monday, if your child is persistently late, we will invite you in for a meeting to see how we can support you to ensure your child is not late. Repeated lateness impacts on the classroom. Pupils in KS1 move swiftly into phonics groups after register and from Year 3 upwards, pupils who are late miss the reading section of their taught reading lesson.

### **This week's attendance:**

<b><u>Year Group</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b> <b><u>%</u></b>
<b>FS2 (Reception)</b>	<b>91.4</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>95.0</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>96.5</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>93.5</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>93.2</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>84.9</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>96.3</b>

**Internet Access** - If any child does not have access to the internet at home with regards to Google Classroom and online learning, then please could you inform the school office so other arrangements can be made for home learning.

## Dates for the diary:

Here are a few dates for the diary and a few of the events we have planned for the Spring term.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** - Year 5 virtual author session with Jenny Pearson

**Wednesday 2nd February** - Year 2 virtual author session with Alex Falase- Koya

**Friday 4th February** - Year 3 virtual author session with Danny Wallace

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Dress Up as a Word Day (details shared soon)

**Wednesday 16th February** -Year 4 virtual author session with Dermot O’Leary

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - World Book Dress Up Day

**Monday 7th March** -Year 6 virtual author session with MG. Leonard

As always, if there are any concerns or questions, please just ask.

Yours sincerely  
L. Spencer  
Exec. Headteacher

## This Week’s Menu – Week Com 17/01/22

### Week 3

<b>Mouth Watering Monday</b>	<b>Tempting Tuesday</b>	<b>World Food Day Wednesday</b>	<b><u>Taster Day Thursday</u></b>	<b>Favorites Friday</b>
Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy	Roast Turkey with Gravy	Katsu Dippers (V)	Beef Burger in a Bun	Tuna Pasta Bake or Salmon Pasta Bake
Quorn Fillet (V)	Shepherdess Pie (V)	Vegetarian Chilli (V)	Quorn Sausage Roll (V)	Mac & Cheese (V)
Jacket potato with hot & cold fillings	Jacket Potato with Hot & Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with Hot & Cold Fillings (Inc. Vegetarian Chilli)	Jacket Potato with Hot & Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with Hot & Cold Fillings
Peas Cauliflower	Broccoli Florets, Carrot & Swede Mash	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Baked Beans Braised Onions	Garden Peas Carrot Batons
Mashed Potato	Stuffing Roast Potatoes	Naan Bread Savoury Rice	Chips Tomato Sauce	Crusty Roll
Polo Biscuit Fruit Yogurt	Chocolate & Pear Sponge, Chocolate Sauce. Fruit, Yogurt	Crispy Jam Tart Custard Fruit Yogurt	Lemon Iced Cake Square Fruit Yogurt	Fruity Friday Angel Delight

Please discuss this week’s menu with your child prior to the day. They can then decide whether they would like to try something from our new menu or bring a packed lunch.