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Monday 11th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been to our workshops. Lots of you came to our literacy workshop in FS2 and it was great to see children working with their adults on times table skills last Wednesday in our Year 4 Multiplication Workshop. It is parents evening this week- if you need an appointment, please book one through your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

We would also like to congratulate Mr White on successfully interviewing to becoming a writing moderator for the local authority. He will support other schools in moderating writing in the summer term as part of the SATs process. This is a huge honour- well done Mr White. He will do this in addition to his teaching responsibility- bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge back to our wonderful school.

[Christmas Fair](#)

Support for school on Friday was brilliant- thank you for all bottles donated for the Christmas Fayre. Miss Bell and Miss Hines are working very hard to plan our Christmas Fayre including a very special visit from Father Christmas. If any parents would like to work with school to support in preparation for the event, or help on the day please drop an email to roystonstjohn@smat.org.uk Alternatively, please catch Miss Bell or Miss Hines on the classroom door. If anyone would like a stall at the fair, these are available for £15. Please email school to book one or again speak to a member of staff. Our Christmas Fayre will be held on 5th December. This will be a great community event and will also raise money to support school.

[Vicarage Lane](#)

New parking restrictions have now been brought in on Vicarage Lane. We have been informed that parking officers will be ensuring this is followed and penalty notices will be issued. We ask you to use other parking areas away from Vicarage Lane and we also encourage you to walk to school. These measures have been brought in to keep pupils safe at both St John's and Parkside. The carpark through the park will be opened daily by our caretaker to enable more safe parking for drop off and collection. Please be aware that these measures have been brought in by the council after concerns from residents and parents of both St John's and Parkside.

[Reason for Absence](#)

If your child is absent from School due to any illness, please state the nature of illness so we can monitor any outbreaks rather than just 'unwell'. We appreciate your support in this.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call school- there is also an option to leave a voicemail. School will follow up any child absence with a phone call if no contact is made. If there is no answer, other contacts will be called. If no contact is still made a home visit will be made the same day to ensure the safety of the child/children. Relevant agencies may be contacted as part of safeguarding procedures if school cannot make contact.


[Salvation Army](#)


The wonderful volunteers at the Salvation Army have asked to share that soup and a roll is available through the winter. Please get in touch with them if they can offer support in these cold months.

[Children in Need](#)

On Friday pupils can come to school wearing dress down clothes, PJs or spots to support Children in Need. There will a collection for this superb charity in each class for anyone who would like to donate any amount on the day.

School Dinners- winter menu

 SMAT Winter Menu November 2024 – March 2025 04/11/24, 18/11/24, 02/12/24, 16/12/24, 13/01/25, 27/01/25, 10/02/25, 03/03/25, 17/03/24, 31/03/24					
WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Traditional Meal of the Day	Oven Baked Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding	Meat and Potato Pie	Roast Chicken Fillet	Homemade Margherita (Cheese) or Pepperoni Pizza	Fish Stars or Salmon Pattie (in a bun)
Vegetarian Option	Veggie Dumpling Roll	Mac 'n' Cheese	Quorn Fillet	Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Southern Style Burger in a Bun
Side Dish	Mashed Potatoes	Homemade Potato Wedges	Mashed Potatoes	Mini Potato Waffles	Chips
Accompaniments	Broccoli Carrots Gravy	Garden or Mushy Peas Sweetcorn Gravy	Cauliflower Carrots Gravy	Rainbow Veg	Baked Beans Coleslaw Tomato Sauce
Salad Bar and Bread Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection
Dessert	Belgium Waffle with Fruit Sauce and Ice Cream	Rice Pudding with Melba Sauce and Mini Ginger Biscuit	Chocolate Sponge Cake and Chocolate Sauce	Carrot Cake or Apple Blondie	Fruit Muffin
Daily Selection	Fresh Fruit Selection Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection Fruit in Jelly
Filled Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot or Cold Fillings

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WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Traditional Meal of the Day	Southern Style Chicken Goujons	Roast Chicken	Pasta Bolognaise	All Day Breakfast Bacon, Sausage, Egg Omelette, ½ Bread Slice	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Korma Curry	Shepherdess Pie	Quorn Dippers in a Wrap with Salad (Fajitas)	Veggie Sausage Frittata	Veggie Fingers
Side Dish	Mini Potato Waffles / Rice	Mashed Potatoes	Pasta / Potato Wedges	Hash Brown	Chips Tomato Sauce
Accompaniments	Garden Peas Sweetcorn	Broccoli Carrots Gravy	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Beans or Tomatoes Mushrooms	Garden Peas Carrots
Salad Bar and Bread Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection	Bread Slice Salad Selection
Dessert	Arctic Roll	Fruit Shortcake and Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Homemade Cookie and Fruit Wedge	Iced School Cake
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DIARY DATES

November

Tuesday 12th November - Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November – Foundation Stage Maths workshop 9:00 am

Wednesday 13th November - Parents Evening 3:30 – 6.00 pm

Thursday 14th November - Parents Evening 3:30 – 5.00 pm

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day for Reception to Year 5

Friday 15th November - Year 6 Crucial Crew trip- Children must wear uniform

Thursday 21st November - Non uniform day (pupils are kindly requested to bring in chocolate for the Christmas Fayre)

Thursday 21st November – Fire safety talk for Year 3 pupils

December

Monday 2nd December - Advent Mass in Church 2:15 pm (parents and carers welcome)

Tuesday 3rd December - Choir to attend a community singing event 5.00 pm

Wednesday 4th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 5th December - Christmas Fayre 3:30pm

Tuesday 10th December - Rocksteady Concert 10.00 am

Tuesday 10th December – School Choir to sing at Westmeads 1:30 pm

Wednesday 11th December – Party Day with Party Food Selection for lunch

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December – Christingle in Church 2:15 pm (parents and carers welcome)

Monday 16th December – Year 1 and 2 Wriggly Nativity 2.00 pm

Tuesday 17th December – Year 1 and 2 Wriggly Nativity 10.00 am

Tuesday 17th December – School Choir to sing at Gathering Mass 1:30 pm (parents and carers welcome)

Wednesday 18th December - Years 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Through the Decades 10.00 am

Wednesday 18th December - Reception and Year 6 Nativity 2.00 pm in church (parents and carers welcome)

Thursday 19th December - Years 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Through the Decades 2.00 pm

Friday 20th December - Last Day before Christmas Holidays

February

Friday 14th February Young Voices (school choir)

March

Wednesday 19th March- class photos

R. Steele

Acting Headteacher