

WESTGARTH WEEKLY



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Dear Families,

School Meal Menus

You may be aware from the media of continuing issues for food manufacturers linked to ongoing haulage difficulties, as well as shortages of raw materials and packaging. Our food suppliers for the school kitchen have warned us that this may result in shortages of key items and a limited choice of substitutes that may necessitate last minute changes to school meal menus in coming weeks. Whilst our school catering team will do its best to limit this, we wanted parents and carers to be aware in advance.

KS1 outdoor learning provision

We were delighted to secure a grant before the summer break to build much needed outdoor learning facilities on the KS1 playground accessed by the KS1 classrooms. This will greatly support the children with all aspects of the curriculum. Unfortunately, the works could not take place over the summer break, but will begin next week.

Until further notice, we will, therefore, be altering how the KS1 children enter school on a morning. **From Monday 27th, please bring KS1 children into school via the door at the back of the KS1 building - near the KS1 cycle store.** We may also need to dismiss the KS1 children differently at the end of the school day for the duration of the works. We will aim to update you on this if needed. Thank you in advance for your patience with these changes to arrangements.



Play equipment and bicycles/scooters

Please supervise younger children and remind older children about our site safety rules, especially now that we have far more people on the school site at the beginning and end of the school day. Children should not climb trees or play on, or with, equipment on the playgrounds, such as the trim trails, pirate ship or balls, at these times. To avoid accidents with pedestrians, children who travel to school on bicycles or scooters must dismount once they enter the school site. Thank you for your co-operation and support with keeping our school site as safe as possible.

PE Kit

Whilst we do have specific days when classes have timetabled PE, please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day. We do sometimes take advantage of good weather and add in extra PE lessons outdoors, or participate in events such as cross country on different days of the week.

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PD Day - spring term

I can confirm the final PD day we needed to set this school year as **Monday 17th January 2022**, when we will be focusing on the promotion of reading for pleasure across school. A reminder that all of our PD Days have now been set for the year when school will be closed to the children whilst staff undertake training and school improvement work: **Wednesday 1st September 2021; Monday 1st November 2021; Monday 17th January 2022; Friday 27th May 2022; Friday 15th July 2022**. School will also be closed to both children and staff on **Monday 6th December 2021** in lieu of the additional national bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which falls in the May half term school holiday next year.

Diabetes awareness

Please find awareness raising information from Diabetes UK about spotting the most common signs and symptoms of type 1 diabetes early.

Early Years leaflet

Please also find attached a leaflet from the NHS about the benefits and importance of young children attending early years settings.

The children have enjoyed another super week of learning, and parents and carers should be very proud of how they are settling into new classes and routines.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead
Headteacher