

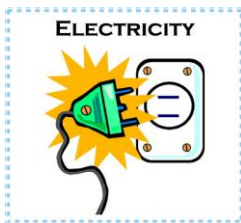


12th January

School news Update

Our School Mission Statement: Together with God's help we: Grow in Faith, Learn for Life and Achieve our best.

On-going Power Issues



Well what an exciting week.....our KS2 children are studying electricity as their Science topic which is perfect timing!!!

Unfortunately, whilst the school is now back on mains power, we still have some ongoing issues with some areas of the school and this includes the kitchen. We hope that this will all be rectified by Tuesday at the latest.

We are able to serve the children with a **hot** meal but with reduced cooking facilities we can't offer the menu meals exactly as planned.

Added to this, we cancelled some of our deliveries when we didn't have a fridge or freezer!! Please do bear with us on this and hopefully we will be back to normal by the middle of next week.

I have been so impressed with the children and staff who have all pulled together to carry on as best we could. I would also like to thank our local community and parents for their support. Our catering company was really hoping to start the new year with the new menu, devised by the children but sometimes things just don't go as planned!! Let's hope that next week is less eventful!

School Census Day

Next Thursday is our census day and some data collected on this day will impact on our funding for the next financial year. One example of this is the Universal Infant Free School Meal. We will be funded for the next two terms based on the number of infants (Van Gogh and Monet) who take the free meal in school next Thursday. I would therefore request that all children try a school meal on this day and that parents still send a packed lunch if they are concerned that their child won't eat very much. Your support with this is hugely appreciated. As Thursdays are our 'Take-Away Day' it will be Chinese chicken fried rice and a vegetable/egg fried rice.



Clubs

We would like to apologise for the communication about clubs this week. Two of our after school club providers assumed that our clubs would start back next week when in fact we were expecting them to start this week. Apologies if this affected you and your child/children.

We are sending home a questionnaire today about clubs and we would be really grateful if as many families as possible could complete the questionnaire. We need to find out how active our children are and to find out what clubs they would like to see us run. We would also like to hear from families who travel on the bus and whether your child/children would stay to after school clubs if we provided a school taxi at the end of the club. We would like to ensure that as many children as possible have the opportunity to stay to clubs if they would like and this is an effective way to spend our sport premium funding from the Government. We look forward to receiving your questionnaires.

Attendance % for W/E 12/01/18

Van Gogh ~ 98%

Monet ~ 99.3%

Kandinsky ~ 99%

Picasso ~ 97%

Term Dates



As you are aware we sent home the term dates for the academic year 2018/19 with the newsletter last week. Since then we have changed one of our INSET days so that it runs consecutively from a half term holiday. Please find attached the new dates which are now correct. These have been shared with the Local Authority so will not change again.

Wild Wood

Mrs Wilcock and the Van Gogh class are going to make use of the Wild Wood adjacent to the school again this year and we are looking for Parent volunteers to come along to help. If you are able to come along on a Monday afternoon from 1pm to help then please speak to Mrs Nixon in the school office or alternatively to Mrs Wilcock directly. Thank you.

