

## School Lunches

As we move into the autumn and winter months, we would like to encourage all children to have a hot meal at lunch time. We have spoken to a number of children in school about their preferred meal choices and have created our own bespoke 'Wickham menu'. The new menu starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and is attached to this newsletter.

To encourage all children to try a hot school lunch, our kitchen will be offering two of the top choices on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October:

Fish and chips



or

Pizza



All children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and those who are eligible for free school meals will be automatically ordered a meal on Thursday. Please let us know if your child does not wish to have a hot lunch on this day. Key Stage 2 children will be given the opportunity to order a hot lunch in the usual way.

Any children in Reception and Key Stage 1 who try a hot lunch will be treated to a visit from a very special guest... Captain Ketchup!

## Acts of Kindness



During the lockdown period, we have worked with a local charity called Acts of Kindness to provide food parcels for some of our families. The charity are now also able to provide children's clothing parcels for those families who feel that they would benefit from some additional help. There's no eligibility criteria, so if you would like to receive either a food or clothing parcel then please let the school office know and we will arrange this for you.

## Staff News

Mrs Way begins her maternity leave on 5<sup>th</sup> October. We hope that she is able to enjoy some peace and relaxation before the fun begins! We are pleased to be able to inform you that Mrs Holmes and Mrs Wilkie will take on the role of acting assistant headteachers in Mrs Way's absence.

This week we welcomed Mrs Becky Griffin to our staff team. Mrs Griffin is an experienced teacher, who has previously taught in several primary schools in London. She will be teaching Badgers class two days a week (on a Monday and Tuesday), covering Mrs Holmes' leadership release time.

## Flu Vaccination

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective and is offered every year as a nasal spray to children to help protect them against flu. Flu is caused by a virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children and is easily spread. It can also lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating children also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

This year the flu vaccine will be administered to children in all year groups, in school, on the 7th October. We will have measures in place to ensure all children are safe, including social distancing, hand washing and the wearing of protective equipment by adults.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccine please complete the online form using this link.

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>. The unique code for our school is: SH116325

**All forms must be submitted by Friday 2nd October 2020**

## Marathon Kids



ActiveMe 360 are pleased to be launching 'Marathon Kids' at Swanmore College on Saturday mornings at 9.30am.

The aim is to encourage families to be active together and to see how long it takes to complete their first marathon together. The session is completely free, fully inclusive and 'Covid Safe'. More information can be found here: <https://www.activeme360.com/marathon-kids/>.

ActiveMe360 are also offering a range of holiday and after-school sports clubs at Swanmore College. The attached flyers contain further details of these and how to book.

## Remote Learning

We have secured a small number of laptops through the Department of Education's scheme, which aims to support families with remote learning. If you do not have the technology at home to be able to access remote learning, and wish to be considered for the loan of a laptop, then please contact the school office.

## Reminders

- Parents need to call the school office every day that your child is absent from school.
- Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. This is the case for all Hampshire schools.
- If you have any library and 'must read' books at home, please return them to school. We will soon be sending letters home to families to request that you return books your child has or to provide a payment for any missing books.
- It is important that we have up to date contact information for all our parents. Please let the school office know if you have moved house or changed your telephone number recently.
- Please ensure you keep your child's dinner money account is in credit.
- Please make sure that your child is able to log into their Google Classroom account (Years 1-6). They will need immediate access in the event of self-isolation or closure of their bubble.
- As we begin to use Google Classroom more and more, please could we ask that if you have changed your child's password from the initial set up password, that you write the new password in their home school diary. This way the children can refer to it if they need to access Google Classroom in school. Thank you for your continued support with Google Classroom.

## Key Dates

- Walk to School Week 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October
- Flu Vaccination 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October