

**Care, Imagine, Believe, Strive, Achieve**

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Goodbye and Hello

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Heather Lee to our cleaning team. You may see her around school in the morning as she will be doing the early cleaning shift, whilst Mrs Silburn continues to do the afternoon hours. You are very much appreciated ladies – your hard work does not go unnoticed! Less happy news is that today we said goodbye to Mrs Crow. Mrs Crow has worked as a Teaching Assistant and Nursery Nurse at MCPS for around 15 years and in that time has worked with many, many children – helping them in many different ways – from the walking bus, to small group intervention, 1:1, class support and recently helping at M&M Club. To celebrate her time at MCPS we will be having a little staff tea party after school where we hope to give her a good send off. We would like to wish Mrs Crow the very best of luck for the future and hope she comes back to visit from time to time.

SATs

Do you have a child in Y2 or Y6? If you do, they will be taking the national curriculum tests (commonly called SATs) in May 2018. The tests are not qualifications and don't affect your child's future options in school. The results are an opportunity to compare pupils nationally to ensure schools are helping pupils to master the basics in English and mathematics, and make progress. They are also an important tool to help teachers identify pupils who may need additional support, and make sure this is put in place as early as possible.

In Y2 (KS1) the tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Most pupils won't know they are taking them as teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom practice. Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of Key Stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term. The Y6 (KS2) tests will be taken on set dates. For your information the timetable below shows a list of tests and the dates they will be administered.

Monday 14 May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 15 May - English Reading

Wednesday 16 May - Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Thursday 17 May - Mathematics paper 3

Handyman

If you know anyone who may want 2 hours a week work as a handyperson (basic plumbing and repairing skills) please let us know. There will be no cleaning as part of this role but we do need someone reliable who can do odd jobs around school on a regular basis. Contract would be temporary in the first instance, subject to Police Clearance, paid at point 7 (£7.83 p/h) and hours can be negotiated to suit. If you would like more details please ask at the office or email [acharlton@mcps.org.uk](mailto:acharlton@mcps.org.uk).

48 Hour Rule

Please can we remind you all of the 48 hour rule regarding sickness and diarrhoea, as it has been brought to our attention this week that children have been sent back to school before the 48 hour exclusion period. Our school policy follows advice issued by Public Health England which advises no child should be brought back to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Whilst we understand that childcare can sometimes be difficult to source, please understand that it is imperative that we enforce this rule to safeguard the other pupils and staff in school. In an environment where children are in such close proximity to each other, bugs like this can be easily spread, so please can we ask that, if your child has been sick, or had diarrhoea, you bear this rule in mind before sending your child back to school.



### Benchball

Please remember that after school Benchball has now finished. Parents who have expressed an interest in their Year 1 or Year 2 child taking part in after school Streetdance Club should have received a confirmation letter this week. There are a few places left for this club so let the office know if you are interested!

### Walking home alone

As the nights are beginning to stretch, we are aware that some parents may wish their children to walk home unaccompanied. We are aware that some parents have already given permission for this, but would prefer that this is done on an annual basis so would like to ask that it be done again.

In event of you giving us permission to release your child unaccompanied, **you must ring the office to let us know**, as we would not want to release a child to walk home alone when perhaps you are running late and do not wish them to do so. Would **all parents** who may wish their child to walk home unaccompanied, please complete the slip below. Please be aware that without this permission being returned, your child will not be released.

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There will be occasions when I would like my child/ren..... to walk home unaccompanied. I will ring school to let them know when to release my children unaccompanied at the end of the school day.

Signed.....Date.....

### Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do will once again be running on Tuesday afternoons after half term. The classes will be offered to all girls and boys regardless of experience. The cost for the half term will be £25.00 (£5.00 per week for 5 weeks). The classes will be run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The classes will finish promptly on the time stated, please make arrangements to collect your child from the main reception at this time. Anyone interested should contact Mr Cook directly on 07833665905 gavin@eastyorktaekwondo.co.uk

### Side Gate Entry and Exit

Please can we ask that all parents exiting by the side gate on a morning refrain from gathering outside Class 5. Children are busy in class and are being disturbed by loud conversations taking place outside their window. Can we also remind you to not allow individuals to enter via this gate as you are exiting in the morning. If parents are late to school with their children, please come in via reception where your child can be registered. Many thanks for your attention with this matter.

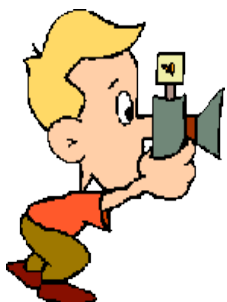


### Spare Lego

If you are having a sort out and disposing of any Lego over the half term break, we would appreciate it if you would consider donating it to school - we will make great use of it at our Before and After School Clubs.

### Quiz night

A Quiz Night will be held on Friday 23rd February in Melbourne Village Hall at 7pm in aid of 3 former pupils from MCP (Abigail, Maisie and Megan) who are travelling to Nicaragua this summer with Woldgate School where they will be involved in some charity work. Tickets are £10 each, including a 2 course supper, and there will be a raffle and other prizes throughout the night. Maximum of 6 people in a team. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Last year it was an excellent night so come and join the fun. Tickets are available from Suzanne Macey (318413), Kate Blackmore (318760) and Wendy Price (318532)



### Photos

The school photographer will be calling on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to take photos of classes and teams/clubs. Please can all children make sure they are wearing a school jumper or cardigan on that day... and a great big smile of course!!

# NEW SPRING/SUMMER MENU HAS NOW STARTED

## School Dinners

All our dishes are homemade. Fresh fruit and yoghurt are available every day. Vegetarians and all children with special dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child is having the sandwich option during the week please let us know on Monday morning as the sandwiches are made to specific numbers. Sandwiches are cheese or ham. School lunch costs £2.40 per meal. If you have any questions regarding individual meals and what allergens they contain please ask at the office and we will be able to supply you with the information you require.

## School dinner menu - week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February

- Mon Ham & Cheese Pizza served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, and Sweetcorn  
Vegetarian Margherita Pizza  
Sultana Shortcake
- Tues Chicken Pasta Bake served with Crusty Bread, Mixed Vegetables/Salad  
Vegetarian Macaroni Cheese  
Chocolate Cookie
- Weds Roast Ham served with Yorkshire Pudding Sweet Potato Mash, Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, and Carrots  
Vegetarian Veggie Roast  
Iced Lemon Sponge
- Thurs Meatballs and Tomato Sauce, served with Rice, Vegetable Sticks, and Broccoli  
Vegetarian Veggie Meatball  
Chocolate Crackle
- Fri Fish Bites served with Chips, Garden Peas, and Sweetcorn  
Vegetarian Vegetable Nuggets  
Ice Cream Roll and Fruit



ENJOY THE HALF TERM BREAK SEE YOU  
ALL BACK ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.

