



FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2020

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### Christmas Concert via Microsoft Teams

Pupils in Nursery have been practising their vocal cords all week in anticipation of the Christmas concert. Although the excitement of a live performance is incomparable, the children are eagerly preparing for a virtual experience that will be just as exhilarating, as they sing "Little Donkey" and "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" to their parents, guardians and carers.

We look forward to seeing you all cheering on our intrepid little angels on Microsoft Teams next week! Please log in using your child's email and password.



### Young Mathematicians

This week, Year 2 have been focusing on their multiplications to solve division problems by using groups when sharing. To enhance their learning with a tactile approach, pupils drew circles on whiteboards to represent the groups in which they split the counters equally between. This aided them in completing division equations effortlessly. Another skill mastered; well done!



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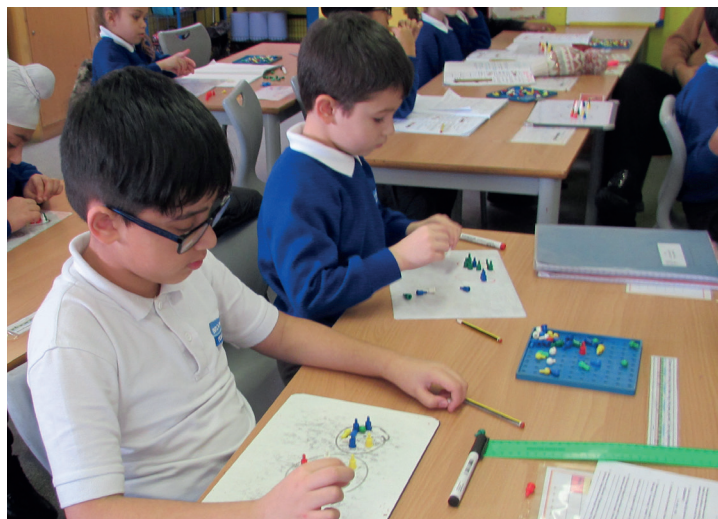


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### Rocket Ship Assembly Part II

Following on from last week, pupils in Year 1 continued to work on the construction of their rocket ships. Pupils worked collaboratively in teams, using their fine motor skills by cutting, measuring, colouring, gluing and folding different materials as they complete the second phase of their project.

Only days before lift off! With hearts racing, imaginations ignited and excitement building as the countdown continues, the children are eagerly awaiting the 'launch' of their rocket ships next week in an exciting unveiling of the finished product! This term, the focus has been on sparking an interest amongst our talented young writers, by giving them a topic of interest so we can look at various areas of learning, including but not limited to; writing, reading, building, history and science. Well done!





## Handmade Decorations

On Wednesday 2nd December, pupils in Kuala Lumpur transformed lifeless recycled materials into vivacious, innovative, handmade Christmas ornaments for the Christmas tree. With passion and sheer excitement, the children were keen to repurpose old items and give new life to recycled materials by redesigning its visual appearance to create spectacular works of art! The children are looking forward to showing off their wonderful creations to their families when they embellish the tree this week whilst singing festive songs!



## School Photographs - Individual Photographs Received


The individual school photograph proofs have now been received by the School and will be provided per child by Monday 14th December to take home next week.

In lieu of the current circumstances and the rescheduling of individual photographs this year, orders will be limited to online ordering, directly to Fraser Portraits via [https://orderphotos.co.uk/school\\_downloads](https://orderphotos.co.uk/school_downloads), or over the phone at 01202 692433. You will be required to log in with your account details or enter your proof card identification/registration code to be able to make payments.

Orders must be placed by **Monday 11th January** in order to receive free delivery back to the School. Please note that these will not be delivered until after the middle of January.

Unfortunately, any order received after this date will need to be ordered directly to Fraser Portraits and will incur an additional surcharge of £4.00 per pack. For all orders placed after the deadline date, packs will be sent directly to your home address.

**Should you wish to receive your order before Christmas, we strongly advise that you place your order at the earlier part of next week. Please note, for this expedited delivery option, the surcharge of £4.00 will still be applied and delivery will be made to your home address.**

		
DECEMBER 2020 to JANUARY 2021		
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Monday 14th	Hearing and Vision Screening - Reception and Year 6	
Friday 18th	End of Term - Early Dismissal from 12:00pm	
Monday 21st December 2020 to Tuesday 5th January 2021	Christmas Holidays	
JANUARY		
Monday 4th	1:00pm to 5:00pm	Virtual Parent Consultations
Tuesday 5th	1:00pm to 5:00pm	Virtual Parent Consultations
Wednesday 6th		Start of Term
Monday 11th to Friday 15th		Life Bus Visit

### Hearing and Vision Screening

On Monday 14th December, the School nurses will be visiting the School to undertake a Hearing and Vision Screening for all Reception children. The local Nursing Team will carry out the tests in a private area. The team will also test your child's vision. The screening will seem more like a game to the children and nothing will touch their eyes.

If your child wears glasses, they will not have their vision tested. If they are receiving treatment for a hearing problem or wear hearing aids, they will not have their hearing tested. If you have any questions in relation to the tests, please contact the School office.

### End of Term - Friday 18th December

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded that Friday 18th December is the last day of term. Children will be dismissed at staggered times starting from 12:00pm. School recommences for the spring term on Wednesday 6th January.

Year Group	Pick-up Time
Nursery AM	11:30am
Years 2 and 6	12:00pm
Years 1, 3 and 5	12:15pm
Reception and Year 4	12:30pm

Please note that afternoon Nursery will not be open on this day.

### Parent Consultations - January 2021

Parent Consultations will take place via **Microsoft Teams** on either **Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th January between 1:00 and 5:00pm**. Your allocated time slot will be sent home in a letter. Please ensure you download the Microsoft Teams application and have your child's classroom email and password available ahead of time. If you are unable to make the time that has been scheduled for you, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible. Thank you.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 14th December</i>	
	<b>MENU 2</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Meatballs with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lamb Patty with Rice	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Chocolate Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings <i>(sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)</i>	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings <i>(salad, coleslaw, tuna)</i>	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Salad and Beans	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Fruit Tarts</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Vanilla Cheesecake</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<b><i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i></b>		

### Start of Term - January 2021

Please be reminded that school commences for the spring term on **Wednesday 6th January** at the staggered start times displayed in the table below.

It is essential that your children arrive on time as lessons will begin promptly. It is extremely important that every child makes a positive start to the new term!

Year Group	Arrival Time	Dismissal Time
Nursery AM	8:30am	11:30am
Nursery PM	12:30pm	3:30pm
Years 2 and 6	8:30am	3:00pm
Years 1 and 5	8:45am	3:15pm
Reception and Year 4	9:00am	3:30pm

### Holiday Requests

School holidays will not be approved during term. Any holidays taken during this period will be marked as unauthorised holiday. Parents, guardians and carers, please remember the importance of factoring any potential quarantine restrictions into your holiday, so that if any quarantine measures are required, these do not impact on your child's return to school in January. The Christmas Holidays are only two weeks long and, in most cases, you may have to quarantine for 14 days when you travel to a country and when you return to the United Kingdom. The Department for Education (DfE) guidance states that school attendance is mandatory so all absences will be referred and logged as unauthorised. Any term time holiday requests must be sent to the Headteacher in writing at least one month prior to travelling and before securing any travel arrangements.