



**Week beginning 19 December 2022 – Edition no. 6**

Important notices/reminders

**If your child is Reception aged - please remember to get your school places for September registered by the deadline, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023. If you would like any assistance please come into school.**

Breakfast and After School Clubs next half term

Please return the last page of this booklet with your requirements.

**School returns Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Class 1 and 2 PE days remain as Monday, with Swimming taking place in the second PE lesson of the week on a Tuesday. Swimming starts 17<sup>th</sup> January. Wentworth Leisure Centre require us to share some information with them. Please indicate on the reply slip (at the end of this booklet) that you are happy for us to share this.

Lunch menus run on a four week cycle

**Lunch Menu w/c 9<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Week 1	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Lentil & Vegetable soup Bread roll	Digestives and cheese
<b>Tue</b>	Minced beef Mashed potato Mixed vegetables	Chocolate cake
<b>Wed</b>	Sausages in a pasta sauce Pasta Sweetcorn and peas	Greek yoghurt with fruit
<b>Thu</b>	Chicken casserole Mixed beans and peas	Apple crumble with cream
<b>Fri</b>	Cheese, ham Pasta salad	Blueberry muffin

**Lunch Menu w/c 16<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Week 2	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Macaroni cheese Green salad Baked cherry tomatoes	Melon/peach cocktail

<b>Tue</b>	Minced beef cobbler Mixed vegetables	Raspberries in jelly with cream
<b>Wed</b>	Jacket potato with cheese Salad	Gingerbread with mango and passionfruit coulis
<b>Thu</b>	Chicken savoury with noodles Green beans and carrots	Vanilla sponge
<b>Fri</b>	Fishcakes with ketchup Broccoli and vine tomatoes	Rice pudding with peach puree

**Lunch Menu w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> January,**

<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Fishfingers with ketchup Mashed potato Carrots and green beans	Raspberry and apple crumble with ice cream
<b>Tue</b>	Chicken savoury with baby potatoes Broccoli	Homemade cheesecake
<b>Wed</b>	Tomato & vegetable soup Tiger bread	Chocolate chip and vanilla muffin
<b>Thu</b>	Beef curry Rice Vegetables	Chocolate cake
<b>Fri</b>	Tuna and pasta Salad	Cheese and cream crackers

**Lunch Menu w/c 30<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Sausages Mashed potato Broccoli Baked beans	Strawberry Greek Yoghurt
<b>Tue</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic bread	Apple and digestive biscuits
<b>Wed</b>	Chicken korma Naan bread Mango chutney Cucumber	Cherry bun cake
<b>Thu</b>	Minced beef Mashed potato Mixed vegetables	Cheese and cream crackers
<b>Fri</b>	Pasta twists Cheddar pasta sauce Green beans	Ice cream & mango and passionfruit coulis

December events roundup

December has been a full and fun-packed month which started off with visits to school from **the Laing Art Gallery and followed by the Hazelsong group** from The Queen's Hall. This was the follow on from the Laing Gallery trip to see the Lindisfarne Gospels, as well as the visit from our sheep. The children learnt about the way that the Lindisfarne Monks would have made the Gospels from how they made ink to forming the letters. They even made leather bracelets. We will continue this work throughout the year with the children creating their own version; the Whitley Chapel Gospels. More will follow.



Our **Christmas Fayre**, which seems so long ago now, started our festive period. Thank you all for coming, the hall was very busy throughout. We raised £267.25.

Every other Tuesday our **Collective worship** is held at St Helen's. The most recent visit saw 5 children being able to ring the bell to signal to all that we were ready to start.

**EYFS Queen's Hall trip**  
Early Years thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Queen's Hall to see 'The Three Bears at Christmas'! We enjoyed lots of giggles, dancing and sweets! We could certainly teach Goldilocks a thing or two in terms of behaviour! Well done everyone!  
Miss Tweddell

**School Nativity – Stable Manners success!!**  
The children have been practising for weeks; learning lines, dance moves, song words, actions. There was a great turn out on Tuesday evening for a wonderful performance. Many of the children (and staff) still have the song words running through their heads!! Thank you for joining us. Huge well done to the children, and to the staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the entertainment was well rehearsed.

The Building Trust Fund Raffle was a great success and lots of you walked out of the Hall with a prize or two tucked under your arm. Once again, thank you for your support with this.

...also you may have noticed that our sheep, Star, returned for the performance, and brought a friend! The organisers of the sheep trail returned them to us as they knew that we had sheep as characters in our

Nativity. They will be with us until the first week in the New Year.

**Christingle service.** The children took part in a special service on Tuesday morning having made and learnt about the Christingles in RE the day before.

**Carol service.** Thank you to those who were able to join us on Thursday afternoon. We had a number of children presenting readings, with some others accompanying hymns with their musical talents (Rebecca on Keyboard, Claudia on Violin, Nate with the Xylophone). It is a real talent not only to be able to play in front of a crowd but also to keep in time with the singers and they did exceptionally well. All of the children in school sang beautifully a range of carols and songs (two from the Nativity) as well as remembering their British Sign Language for two of them.

**Winter poems**

<b>The difference in winter by Olympia</b>	<b>Winter by Rebecca</b>
<p>In the winter it starts to snow,            And in the streets the lights do glow,            You have to wrap up very warm,            And sometimes there can be a storm,            And very near to Christmas eve,            We do put up our Christmas tree.</p>	<p>Making wreaths,            Having fun,            Playing in the snow,            Laughing when I'm in the sleigh,            Making toys all the way.</p>

**Properly Proud Pegs**

**Term 2 awards**

Isabel, Frankie (2), Zoe, Charlotte (5), Valentine, Alexis (4), Ava (5), Clara (2), Finn, Theo C, Rose (2), Charlie (2), Ophelia (2), Libby (2), Isaac (2), Rebecca (4), Ollie K, Laurie (3), William R (4), Olympia, Jaxon (2), Lillie S (2), William S (2), Claudia (2), Jim, Matthew N (3), Eilidh (3), Toby (2), Lilly B, Finlay, Keira.

## Rock Steady Music potential opportunity

# THE BEST LESSON'S DON'T JUST TEACH THEY INSPIRE!

School funded options for inclusive,  
progressive and fun rock and pop band  
lessons, for 4-11 year olds,



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You may have heard of Rocksteady in-school band lessons. The idea is that a group of children form a band, with one playing the electric guitar, one on the drums and another on the keyboard. There is also a lead singer. Children learn how to play the instruments as a group, and every half term can change instrument so they get 'a go' at trying each one to see which they like best.

- Lessons are held during the school day.
- There's no experience necessary and all instruments are provided, so it's totally inclusive and accessible for all.
- They'll join their "bandmates" for a weekly 30-minute session, where together they'll learn some of their favourite songs, developing up to 300 musical skills along the way.
- Sessions cost £31 per half term
- There will be a Rocksteady concert at the end of each term for you to see how your child's band is progressing.

Rocksteady is the largest provider of rock and pop band lessons, working with thousands of UK primary schools every year. Experienced band leaders will guide and inspire your child to progress their musical skills at your child's own pace, ensuring they enjoy the journey.

**Rock Steady will come into school next term to do an assembly if there is sufficient interest initially. Please return the slip on the last page if you would be interested in us pursuing this opportunity.**

## St Helen's Nativity – 5pm Christmas Eve – all welcome!!

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Squash Stars [www.squashstars.co.uk](http://www.squashstars.co.uk)

England Squash have just launched their third intake of their Squash Stars programme to encourage children to pick up a racket and begin a lifelong love of the game.

Squash Stars, a six-week programme commencing the week of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023, is delivered by participating sports clubs and venues close to you. These fun sessions will introduce children aged 5-9 to the sport of squash.

Your child will be taught the skills to play squash, develop hand-eye coordination, be fit and healthy and make friends. All sessions include match play through action-packed fun games and drills and delivered by specially trained leaders.

Sessions are taking place right on your doorstep and you can book a place at [www.squashstars.co.uk](http://www.squashstars.co.uk).

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The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all the support you have given to the school this term; for the gifts you have so generously given, both to ourselves, and/or provided to the children this week.

We want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2023



**REPLY SLIP – PLEASE RETURN THIS TO SCHOOL**

**Name of child:**

**CLUBS SIGN UP (Tick when you want them to attend)**

**Breakfast Club (8am – 9:00)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week beg 9 <sup>th</sup>					
Week beg 16 <sup>th</sup>					
Week beg 23 <sup>rd</sup>					
Week beg 30 <sup>th</sup>					
Week beg 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb					
Week beg 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb					

**After School clubs reply slip – Chat and Relax (3:15 – 4:30)**

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Week beg 9 <sup>th</sup>				
Week beg 16 <sup>th</sup>				
Week beg 23 <sup>rd</sup>				
Week beg 30 <sup>th</sup>				
Week beg 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb				
Week beg 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb				

**After School clubs reply slip – Other clubs (3:15 – 4:30)**

	Monday Sign Lang	Tuesday Full of beans	Wednesday Dance (Nursery can attend)	Thursday Full of beans
Week beg 9 <sup>th</sup>				
Week beg 16 <sup>th</sup>				
Week beg 23 <sup>rd</sup>				
Week beg 30 <sup>th</sup>				
Week beg 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb				
Week beg 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb				

**Rock Steady interest**

I would/would not (please delete) be interested in my child having the opportunity to have music lessons within the school day.

I would/would not (please delete) be willing to pay around £30 a half term for this activity.

**Class 1 and 2 swimming.** Wentworth Leisure Centre would like us to send them the following information:

URN (Unique Reference Number), First and last name, year group, relevant medical Send information,

I give/do not give (please delete) permission for the above information to be sent to Wentworth Leisure Centre for my child's swimming lessons.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_