



WEEKLY UPDATE – 2nd OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to another weekly update. I hope you are finding them informative.

As you are aware yesterday, we were notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our Year 6. This year group of pupils, as well as staff, are currently isolating following information which was provided by Public Health England. I know it is a difficult time for our whole community but wish to thank all the parents, pupils and staff for working together so well and staying calm during these uncertain times.

Well done, 85% of our Year 6 pupils have signed on this morning and are carrying out home learning with the support of their teachers. Any pupil who is home learning can email their teacher direct with any queries. If a parent has any queries and their child is in school please just email the school office@dsatmerrydale.org as the class email addresses are only monitored when pupils are at home.

School admissions – Year 6 IMPORTANT – Please remember that if your child is due to start secondary school in September 2021 you need to apply for a place before **Saturday 31 October 2020**.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/>

If you need help completing your application, we have support from Leicester City Council on 13th October between 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Please do not just turn up, you MUST book appointment by calling the school office on 0116 276 7708.

Hoodies – You may have seen in our risk assessment that windows and doors need to be left open to allow for ventilation in our classrooms. As the weather starts to get colder, the children will need to wear extra layers. Your child will be allowed to wear a hoodie in school, so long as it is the royal blue colour of the school.

If you cannot buy one locally, you could buy a hoodie in school through the school using ParentPay. It is the same price for any size. Cost is £8.35 without a school logo and £10.50 with a school logo. If you want to buy one, please order through ParentPay – deliveries will take approximately 14 days as we can only place one whole school order per week.

Masks - We are now actively urging parents to wear face-covering when dropping off and picking up children from school, please also be aware of social distancing. This is to keep us all safe and we would be very grateful for your co-operation.

Flu Immunisations – IMPORTANT, IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS ALREADY, PLEASE DO THIS ASAP

The Flu vaccine is available in school for all children in our school. COVID-19 will be co-circulating with Flu this winter. To protect the young, elderly, and vulnerable in our communities all those eligible for the Flu Vaccine are encouraged to have it.

Your child has been invited to take up the nasal spray flu vaccination. This year, as well as the nasal spray there is also a gelatine-free injectable option, as we recognise that gelatine used in the manufacture of the





nasal flu vaccine is a barrier for some parents. If you would like to opt for this version instead, please bear in mind that it may not be as effective as the nasal flu spray and is subject to availability.

Please respond to your invitation for the vaccine by completing the consent form that has been sent from school, so your family can be better protected this winter.

To be given the vaccination in school you need to complete an ONLINE consent form by visiting:

www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

You will need a code for your child's school. For Merrydale Junior School the code is LE143244

If you want to opt for the flu injection, please complete the consent form as normal. On the consent page, select 'No' to the nasal flu and you will be given the option of the flu injection.

Top tip: Ensure that the email addresses match and that there are no spaces or punctuation before or after the email address and the school code.

You will need to fully complete the consent form as soon as possible after receiving this letter.

If you are unable to complete this online, please ring us to complete this over the phone on 0300 300 0007 (select option 1 then option 4).

PE DAYS -

	W/C - 05/10/2020	W/C - 12/10/2020
Year 3	Monday	Monday
	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday	Tuesday
	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday	Thursday
	Friday	Friday
Year 6	Thursday	Tuesday
	Thursday	Thursday

Class email addresses – These should only be used if classes are isolating and pupils need to contact teachers during “lockdown”. General emails should be sent via office@dsatmerrydale.org

Email addresses are class name followed by @dsatmerrydale.org

3AD - 3ad@dsatmerrydale.org, 3EB – 3eb@dsatmerrydale.org, 3LS – 3ls@dsatmerrydale.org

4CW – 4cw@dsatmerrydale.org, 4FM - 4fm@dsatmerrydale.org, 4KR - 4kr@dsatmerrydale.org

5HH - 5hh@dsatmerrydale.org, 5LD - 5ld@dsatmerrydale.org, 5TB - 5tb@dsatmerrydale.org

6AV - 6av@dsatmerrydale.org, 6LR - 6lr@dsatmerrydale.org, 6ML - 6ml@dsatmerrydale.org





SCHOOL MEALS COST £2.30 PER DAY; THIS SHOULD BE PAID ON PARENTPAY BEFORE THE MEAL IS TAKEN

	Monday 2 nd October	Tuesday 3 rd October	Wednesday 4 th October	Thursday 5 th October	Friday 6 th October
RED (Meat choice)	Pizza topped with tuna & sweetcorn Jacket wedges Sweetcorn Peas	Chicken Pie & Gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Broccoli florets Carrot Batons	Organic lamb bolognaise & Garlic Bread Spaghetti Seasonable vegetable medley	Roast Turkey, served with sage and onion stuffing Parsley potatoes Cabbage Cauliflower	Battered Fish served with a lemon wedge Chips Baked beans Peas
BLUE (Halal choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Peas Sweetcorn	Chicken Pie & Gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Broccoli florets Carrot Batons	Organic lamb bolognaise & Garlic Bread Spaghetti Seasonable vegetable medley	Roast Chicken, served with sage and onion stuffing Parsley potatoes Cabbage Cauliflower	Battered Fish served with a lemon wedge Chips Baked beans Peas
GREEN (Vegetarian choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Peas Sweetcorn	Quorn Stir fry Rice Broccoli Florets Carrot Batons	Jacket Potato with cheese and baked beans Salad bar selection	Country vegetable pie & gravy Potatoes in the skins Cabbage Cauliflower	Quorn Dippers Chips Baked beans Peas
Dessert will be a handheld baked biscuit/cake or fruit choice.					

School Office – As there is no entry or exit to parents/carers or pupils via reception, if you need to speak a member the office, please call 0116 276 7708 or email office@dsatmerrydale.org to make an appointment first. We will also be in the playground every morning to answer any questions.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

C Mugglestone, Head Teacher

