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Merry
Christmas

Dear Parent

On behalf of everyone at Wensley Fold we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

School closes this Friday 18 December at 1.30pm and will reopen on Monday 4 January 2021 at 8.45am

NEW MENUS & HALAL MEAT

The Spring menu from Dolce will be uploaded to School Grid and parents will be able to pre-order their child's meals from Monday 21 December, a hard copy was emailed to all parents last week. You will be able to order in advance and also up to 8.55am on the same day which is far better than the week in advance currently in place! Parents will have the option of switching between packed lunches from home or a school dinner on a day-by-day basis. There are simply no restrictions; however NO orders will be taken after this time and a packed lunch will HAVE to be provided. No excuses!

Also can we reassure parents that all of our meat is Halal and has been for many years now and our current supplier of Halal meat, Yaseen's butchers will continue to be the supplier from January. When parents click onto the information for the meat it will state that Brakes is the supplier, this is because we are the only school using a local supplier (Yaseens). The only exception to this will be the sausages and beef burgers, which are Halal but are supplied by Brakes Catering as Yaseen's do not make these. We are still waiting for the Halal certification for these from Brakes, so parents may wish choose an alternative until this is received or do their own research.

Dolce Catering have given us an email address and phone number for parents to contact them if they have any issues when pre-ordering their child's meals. These are:

Email: customercare@dolce.co.uk

Tel: 01942 707709 Option 1

SCHOOL GRID REGISTRATION

Thank you to all those who have already signed up to School Grid, however there are a few parents whose children are currently on school meals that haven't yet signed up. May we remind those parents that they will not be able to order lunches until this process has been completed and will have to send their child with a packed lunch when we return, we have sent several reminders to parents so you have been warned.

SCHOOL GRID – ALLERGIES

From Monday 4 January parents will be responsible for managing their child's allergies when ordering their child's lunches. All meals display the ingredients and there is a tab on School Grid under 'Food' where allergies can be recorded, please be aware that when these are ticked you will receive this message: **Pre-order options that contain your child's allergens will be blocked and any pre-orders that conflict with new allergens you add will be cancelled.**

MEAL CHANGES

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, Beef Lasagne will be served on Wednesday and the Buffet Lunch will be served on Friday. Thank you.

VOUCHERS – FSM

All children who are entitled to FSM will receive 3 x £5 vouchers today to redeem at Blackburn or Darwen markets over the holidays, the list of stalls is displayed on the back. These have been supplied by Blackburn with Darwen Council.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS & CONCERTS

Our Christmas productions will still take place this year, but due to Covid restrictions will be very different and will be as follows:

Year 2 nativity will take place on Zoom this Friday with other classes singing along on Zoom from their classrooms.

Year 4 will be producing a short comedy Christmas film with Mr Simpson

Reception will be recording some Christmas songs and a short nativity.

All productions will be filmed and shared with parents.

CRAFT WEEK

All children are taking part in Craft Week this week. Please can we ask for a donation of £1 to go towards the cost of materials (to your child's class teacher by the end of this Thursday). This does not apply to Reception children as this will be taken from their fund. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Please note we will be having our Christmas lunch this Thursday and it is a non-uniform day for everyone. All children can wear a Christmas jumper, please do not buy a jumper especially, any red, green or sparkly top will be fine. Thank you.

DINNER MONEY REFUNDS

As you will now pay for school meals on School Grid, all dinner money balances that are in credit on ParentPay will be refunded back onto your ParentPay account in the new year.

YEAR 1 REQUEST – DOCTOR'S SURGERY ROLE PLAY

Do you work in the medical profession? Year 1 are asking for donations of equipment, leaflets, posters, clothing items etc for our Doctor's Surgery Role Play Area after the Christmas holidays. If you can help in any way, please can you let the school office or Year 1 class teachers know. Thank you.

3B PE DAY

Please note 3B's PE day is now back to a Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit tomorrow if they are in 3B.

CLEANER VACANCY

We have a vacancy in school for a cleaner, the hours will be 3.15pm until 5.30pm Mon-Thurs and 3.00pm – 5.00pm equating to 11hrs per week. Please be aware that your contract involves 33hrs of working during the summer holidays for deep cleaning. If you are interested, please collect an application pack from the main office or email bursar@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk Previous cleaning experience will be essential.

BREAKFAST CLUB

If you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club, please make sure you have informed the office by this Thursday. Please remember that payment must be made in advance on ParentPay.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2020

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2021. You must now apply using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is **15 January 2021**.

RECEPTION FUND

If you haven't already done so, please can parents of children in Reception pay £30 at the school office for the Reception Fund. Thank you.

MILK

Milk money is now due for the Autumn Term for all infant children; however all

Reception children will receive free milk up to the term in which they have their 5th birthday. Please can parents of children in Years 1 and 2 pay £12 online for this academic year. Parents of children in both Reception classes – please check with Mrs Ghiwala. Thank you.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can all children's library books be returned as soon as possible.

In the meantime, your child can continue to take part in the Top 100 challenge during the holidays by borrowing the books from the Blackburn Central Library. Please pick up a leaflet from reception for more information

Thank you to all the parents and children for your support

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that school clubs have now finished. Further details on the clubs available in January will be sent out at the start of next term.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CRAFT PACKS

Those who have ordered packs will receive them tomorrow (Wednesday). If your child has not received a pack (and you have ordered one) by Thursday please ring Sara Burton **straight away**. Failure to ring Sara may mean your child misses out.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY FESTIVE ACTIVITY

Thank you to all those who took part in the online activity on Saturday and have sent in their Christmas cards for the Care Home residents at Eachstep. These will be dropped off later this week.

SAY THANK YOU CAMPAIGN WITH YOUTH ACTION

Thank you to those children who have written a thank you letter to a key worker. The deadline has now passed and all letters will be dropped off at Youth Action this week to be sent out to key workers.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

All Children's University passports have been handed back to children today. Please ensure your child brings this home and keeps it safe. No passports are kept with Sara Burton. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER CHALLENGES

These have been emailed out and put on the School App. If your child completes any of these during the holidays please send any evidence to Sara Burton at s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or via WhatsApp on 07805929965. Passports will be stamped at a later date.