School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 4th December	• Christmas Crafts for Sept 2024 starters - 3.30pm-4.30pm • Qualitas after school Mini Trampolines KS2
Tuesday 5th December	• Qualitas after school Multi Sports KS1 (to book on ParentPay)
Wednesday 6th December	• Qualitas after school Touchball – KS2 (to book on ParentPay)
Thursday 7th December	• Reception and Year 1 Pantomime trip - Aladdin, Chesterfield • NO LITTLE SMILES TODDLER GROUP TODAY. • Class 3 swimming - last one this year
Friday 8th December	• Christmas Jumper Day • Year 4 Forest School AM
Monday 11th December	• Qualitas after school Mini Trampolines KS2
Tuesday 12th December	• Qualitas after school Multi Sports KS1 (to book on ParentPay)
Wednesday 13th December	• Class 1 and 2 Nativity performances – 2pm and 5.30pm • Qualitas after school Touchball KS2 (to book on ParentPay)
Thursday 14th December	• Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9 – 10.30am
Friday 15th December	• Years 2-6 Pantomime trip – Mother Goose, Derby Arena

Other news:

- Reception and Year 1 **pantomime Thursday 7th December – Children need to be at school by 8.45am at the latest ready to leave at 9am.**
- School Christmas Tree – We would love all children to help with decorating the school Christmas Tree. So if you can spare one bauble for each of your children they can hang it on our tree. Please send them in on Monday 4th December. We have some spare baubles so please don't worry if you forget or don't have any to spare.
- We have had cases of headlice in school. Please all be vigilant for these and treat any cases.
- A reminder that the school car park and the entrance to it must not be used for dropping off or collecting children at the start and end of the school day unless previously arranged. This is to maintain safety for all.
- Applications for primary school admissions in September 2024 are now open via Derbyshire County Council. They must receive applications by midnight on 15 January 2024.
- Year 6 families: Letter regarding Highfields transition and open day for parents on Wednesday 3rd July has been sent home.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 56813 or by email enquiries@st-giles-matlock.derbyshire.sch.uk with any questions or queries.

Friday updates can be found in the Newsletters section of our school website.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 4th December	CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR RECEPTION 2024 STARTERS AND PARENTS/CARERS – 3.30PM - 4.30PM
Thursday 7th December	PANTOMIME TRIP – CLASS 1 AND YEAR 1 – ALADDIN – CHESTERFIELD WINDING WHEEL LAST CLASS 3 SWIMMING LESSON OF THE YEAR
Friday 8th December	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
Wednesday 13th December	CLASS 1 AND 2 NATIVITY - 2PM AND 5.30PM
Friday 15th December	PANTOMIME TRIP YEARS 2–6 MOTHER GOOSE DERBY ARENA
Monday 18th December	SECRET SANTA - pm. Donations by Monday 11th December
Tuesday 19th December	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2.30pm IN CHURCH
Wednesday 20th December	CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH
Friday 22nd December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL CLOSES
Monday 8th January	SCHOOL OPENS FIRST DAY BACK FOR NEW TERM
Thursday 18th January	CLASS 3 FIRST SWIMMING OF THE YEAR
Friday 16th February	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 26th February	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 27th February	SCHOOL OPENS FIRST DAY BACK FOR HALF TERM
Thursday 28th March	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER
Monday 15th April	SCHOOL OPENS FIRST DAY BACK
Friday 24th May	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	SCHOOL OPENS FIRST DAY BACK
Monday 17th June	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 23rd July	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

Discover our new Autumn & Winter menu

...etables or salad served with every meal

Week 1

W/C: 06.11.23 / 27.11.23 / 18.12.23 / 22.01.24 / *12.02.24 / 11.03.24

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
British chicken in a korma or tikka sauce	Margarita pizza creamy mozzarella & tomato on a deep pan pizza base	British roast chicken with stuffing & gravy	Big British breakfast including sausage & bacon	Breaded fish fingers
Vegetable & chickpea curry	Veggie mince tortilla stack	Butter bean & vegetable bake, with a crispy cheese topping	Big veggie breakfast; including vegan sausage & mushrooms	Cheese & tomato puff pasty pinwheel
served on a bed of rice with a homemade flatbread	served with tomato pasta	served with creamy mash potatoes & vegetables	served with crispy potatoes, tomatoes & baked beans	served with chips & garden peas
Cook's choice of cookie	Chocolate & beetroot brownie	Cornflake bar with a side portion of with fruit	Banana muffin	Fruit crumble with custard

Week 2

W/C: *13.11.23 / 04.12.23 / 08.01.24 / 29.01.24 / 26.02.24 / 18.03.24

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Organic British beef meatballs in a tomato sauce	Margarita pizza creamy mozzarella & tomato on a deep pan pizza base	British roast pork served with, apple sauce & gravy	Organic British beef casserole, served with a Yorkshire pudding	Breaded fish fingers
Quorn & vegetable stroganoff	Quorn sausage pattie	Cauliflower cheese bake with a crispy crumb topping	Vegan sausage roll	Crispy veggie fingers
served with pasta & homemade garlic bread	served with potato wedges	served with creamy mash potatoes & vegetables	served with potatoes & gravy	served with chips & baked beans
Cook's choice of cookie	Oaty flapjack with a side portion of fruit	Sprinkle cake	Chocolate cracknel with a side portion of fruit	Apple sponge with custard

Week 3

W/C: 20.11.23 / 11.12.23 / *15.01.24 / 05.02.24 / *04.03.24 / 25.03.24

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spaghetti bolognaise made with British beef	Organic British beef burger in a bun	British roast chicken with stuffing & gravy	Macaroni cheese	Breaded fish fingers
Quorn dippers served with pasta in a homemade sauce	Vegan burger in a bun	Warming veggie cottage pie	Veggie balls in a homemade tomato sauce with pasta	Veggie Sausage
served with freshly baked crusty bread	served with potato wedges & coleslaw	served with creamy mashed potatoes & vegetables	served with freshly baked garlic bread	served with chips & garden peas
Cook's choice of cookie	Carrot cake muffin	Jelly & fruit	Chocolate crunch with a side portion of fruit	Bakewell 'No Nut' tart & custard

All desserts are suitable for vegetarians

All schools have the option of either a pasta pot, filled jacket potato or sandwich, please speak to your school for their selection

Yoghurt & fresh fruit available daily

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about X

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who 'promote denial and hatred'.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall: this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavoury characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert



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