

Dolphinholme Dispatch

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Kitchen Deliveries

You will all be aware of the shortage of HGV drivers at the moment. This is affecting some deliveries to the school kitchen. We just want to let you know that on some days, Mrs Pearson may have to make some changes to the menu due to items being held up/not delivered. Please rest assured that we will make sure children receive a balanced meal and will always take into account any special dietary requirements.

COVID and ventilation

As per our school risk assessment, when school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated whilst trying to maintain a comfortable teaching environment. This means having doors and windows open, even as the weather gets colder. (Although sometimes it blows a hoolie and everything ends up all over the place!)

I have spoken with all the pupils today to let them know that, as the temperature becomes colder, they may want to wear an extra layer of clothing under their school t-shirt. This could be a base layer or a vest of some kind. They may also wish to wear a snood type scarf around their necks when it does get colder.

I am in contact with our uniform provider to see if they can supply school fleeces. I will let you know if this is a possibility.

Obviously, we have to prioritise the need for ventilation but also keep the children and staff from becoming too cold.

Admissions 2022

There will be an Open Day for parents of children starting school in September 2022 on **Saturday 16th October** from 10am until 2pm. If you know of any families who would be interested in coming to look around, please pass on the date and time. We would love to meet them.

Apologies for school being closed. We are taking extra safety measures due to COVID.

A message from Rev Cindy

This Saturday (2nd October) St Mark's will be holding a short family friendly Harvest Service at 5.30pm. Food Bank donations very welcome at the service. This will be followed by Potts pie and peas (with veggie option) and apple crumble for £5 per person, at the Village Hall. Soft drinks will be available or bring your own drinks. All welcome!

Week beginning 04/10/21 ~ Menu Week 1.

Please make sure you have selected your child's meals online at least a week in advance.

This half term our **Christian Value** is **Hope.**

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

—Desmond Tutu

Weekly Celebration

On Friday, these children were celebrated for super work:-

Rec/Year 1: Lucas (Rec): lots of effort into all work

Year 2: Aaliyah: Working hard in maths and English.

Year 3/4: Poppy: Making up a game and writing instructions.

Year 5/6: Flynn, Eva and Reuben S: making a well thought out space engineering model.

These 'Special People' received a Headteacher's sticker:-

Rec/Year 1: Amy: Always ready, always listening and a good friend.

Year 2: Ben: Lovely ideas and deep thinking.

Year 3/4: Harry H: Well thought out ideas.

Year 5/6: Emily: Being especially kind and caring to the Reception children.

Points:

Red: 4 point **Blue: 2** points **Green: 3** points **Yellow: 2** points

Running Totals: Red: 5 Blue: 5 Green: 7 Yellow: 4

A letter from Seb, Athan and Helena is attached to the email. They wanted to do something positive for the Afghanistan refugees arriving in Lancaster. Please read it and share with your child—then get busy! Thanks.

Diary dates:

06.10.21 Harvest Festival in St Mark's (sorry—school only)

20.10.21 Parent/Teacher Meetings 2.30 – 6.30pm

21.10.21 Inset Day

22.10.21 Inset Day

25—29th Oct Half Term

03.11.21 Flu Vaccinations

08.11.21 School Photographs

11.11.21 Life Education PSHE Day

15.11.21 Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week

15.12.21 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

17.12.21 Break up for Christmas 3.15pm