



**Church of the Ascension**  
C.E. Primary School

**Friday 22nd December 2023**

**No 15**



**WISHING YOU ALL A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**CHILDREN RETURN MONDAY 8TH JANUARY**



<b>MONDAY</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake (V) Quorn Nuggets (V) Quorn Mince Served with Baby New Potato, Sweetcorn Fruity Flapjack & Custard
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Bbq Chicken Wrap (V) Cheese & Onion Lattice Fish Finger Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Carrots & Peas Fruit Crumble & Custard
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Traditional Roast Chicken Seasoning & Gravy (V) Quorn Chicken Fillet Seasoning and Gravy Fish Goujons Served with Roast & Boiled Potatoes, Peas/Carrots & Green Beans Chocolate Surprise Cake & Chocolate Sauce
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread (V) Cheese & Potato Pie Fish Nuggets Served with Saute potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots Lemon Drizzle & Custard
<b>FRIDAY</b>	(V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Battered Fish Served with Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn Arctic Roll & Fruit

**CHOICE MENUS**  
**WEEK 1**  
**£2.40 per day - please book and pay via School Money**  
(V) suitable for vegetarians  
(FF) Fat Free  
(GF) Gluten Free

**'GRAB BAG' MENU**



**MONDAY**  
Ham/Tuna Sandwich or Cheese Wrap  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice



**TUESDAY**  
Ham/Tuna Sandwich or Cheese Wrap  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice

**Grab Bags must be ordered on Eduspot at least 24 hours before**

**WEDNESDAY**  
Ham/Tuna Sandwich Or Cheese Wrap  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice



**THURSDAY**  
Ham/Tuna Sandwich Or Cheese Wrap  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice



**FRIDAY**  
Ham/Tuna Sandwich/Cheese Wrap or Pizza  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice



Daily Items also available during lunch service—Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings, Salad, Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Fruit Jelly, Cheese & Biscuits  
\* Not suitable for vegetarians

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

And so after a very long term, we finally have arrived at Christmas. This week has seen the Wall Heath Santa Trail, the Smallest Angel find a place for the baby Jesus to be born, the children have enjoyed their parties and our KS2 classes holding their carol service, complete with light up angels! Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the last few weeks so memorable.

On behalf of the staff, can I thank you all for the many kind and generous gifts that we have received and we wish you all a very happy Christmas. Please note that the children return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, there is no INSET day that week.

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## MENU



The menu when we return after Christmas will be week 1.

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## FLU CLINIC



There are free walk in flu clinics offering the nasal flu vaccine and the gelatine-free flu vaccine if your child hasn't received one.

Saturday 20th January 9am-1:30pm at

Fens Pool Community Centre, 111 Tennyson Pensnett, Brierley Hill DY5 4HY

Call to book: 01384 431712

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## ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure you contact the school and leave a message to advise us before 9am to ensure it is not recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Thank you.

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## STATIONERY

We would be grateful if parents could restock their child's stationery supplies over the school holidays.

It would be really helpful if children in Years 1 & 2 could bring a gluestick with them (which will be kept in their tray) and Years 3 –6 could bring pencils and gluesticks in particular.

Thank you for your support.

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## FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you for your very generous donations that were collected at the Key Stage 1 performances and the Key Stage 2 Carol Service.

You raised an amazing £571.69 which will really help the foodbank in these difficult times.

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## KEY STAGE 2 CHOIR

There will be no choir on Monday 8th January, it will restart on Monday 15th January.  
Thank you.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

**\*\*\*CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY\*\*\***

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 they will be due to start primary school in September 2024. You **MUST** complete an application either online at [www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions) or by completing an application form from your home local authority by 15 January 2024.

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 October 2023 until the closing date for applications on 15 January 2024.

Please note: Even if your child already attends a school nursery or has an older sibling at school please do not assume that your child will automatically gain a place at that school.

*If you do know someone who is considering applying for a place but is unsure if they would be successful due to 'catchment area', we believe it may be a low birth rate this year so please encourage them to apply.*

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Saturday 23rd December 6pm  
Outdoor Carols

Christmas Eve 4pm  
Children's Crib Service

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## ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL



The following activities will be taking place after school when we return in January:

### Monday

Ace Coaching  
(Pre-booked and prepaid activity)

### Tuesday

Yrs 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics

### Thursday

Yrs 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics

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## PRAISE ASSEMBLY

The following children have received a certificate in Praise Assembly today for our core value of 'Generosity':-

Alania —RY  
Mabel —RH  
Maizie —1J  
Joseph —1/2B  
Eva —2S  
Elizabeth —3N  
James —3/4J  
Francesca —4C  
Phoebe —5CS  
Olivia —5/6M  
Ellie —6P

Kindness award — Sammy (5CS)

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