



School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 13 th January	•
Tuesday 14 th January	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • Stay and Learn- 9am. Parents and Carers of class 1 children are invited to spend some time with their children in class. • Book Look- 3pm. Parents and Carers of children in class 2 and 3 are invited to join us to look through their children's work and spend some time in their classrooms. • Gymnastics Club- please see Parentpay for further information and bookings.
Wednesday 15 th January	• Swimming- Class 2
Thursday 16 th January	• Archery Club - Please see Parentpay for further information and bookings.
Friday 17 th January	• Celebration Assembly- 3pm , you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.
Monday 20 th January	•
Tuesday 21 st January	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • Gymnastics Club- please see Parentpay for further information and bookings.
Wednesday 22 nd January	• Swimming- Class 2 • Cross Country- Class 3. Please see Parentpay for information and consent.
Thursday 23 rd January	• Archery Club - Please see Parentpay for further information and bookings.
Friday 24 th January	• Celebration Assembly- 3pm , you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.

Other news:

- We have lots of good quality, donated school uniform in school. Please contact the office if you need anything.
- Children will be bringing home their reports today. Please let us know if you require any additional copies.
- Class 3- Young Voices is just around the corner, please see Parentpay for important information and consent for your child to attend.
- Class 1- Space Centre information and consent is available on Parentpay.
- Just to remind you, if you pay for your child's school lunches these should be paid in **advance** of the meal being taken where possible. Thank you.
- Please ensure children have a water bottle in school every day.
- **We still have a few children without a PE kit in school. Please make sure a full PE kit including trainers is kept in school at all times, these will be sent home every half term to be washed. PE days do change and kits are also needed for after school sports clubs. We have spare uniform available in school so please do ask if you need anything.**
- **Healthy Snacks-** Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school to eat at morning break. **Please ensure this does not include chocolate, cake or sweets.**
- Class 3 parents- The 4th instalment for our trip to Walesby is due on 31st January 2025. The first 3 instalments are still open so these can still be paid if you haven't already done so. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these payments please contact the office. Thank you.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
29/01/2025	Class 1 Space Centre Trip
07/02/2025	PTA Disco
12/02/2025	Class 3 Young Voices
26/02/2025	Class 1 Fun Run event
06/03/2025	World Book Day
24/03/2025	Football league match
28/03/2025	PTA non uniform day
01/04/2025	PTA Easter Bingo
01/04/2025	Football league match
14/02/2025	Last day of term
24/02/2025	INSET
25/02/2025	School reopens
04/04/2025	Last day of term
22/04/2025	School reopens
05/05/2025	Bank holiday- School closed
23/05/2025	Last day of term
02/06/2025	INSET
03/06/2025	School reopens
24/07/2025	Last day of term

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H

Our Inclusion team are going to be introducing the Solihull parenting course from January 2025. This will be open to all parents and carers across the partnership who wish to attend but requires commitment to attend weekly 2 hour sessions for 10 weeks beginning on Tuesday 21st January at 9.30am at All Saints Infants.

The Solihull parenting approach focusses on parent-child relationships and on understanding your child and their behaviours.

Please phone your school office or email earlyhelp@matlockanddales.derbyshire.sch.uk to register your interest in attending this course.

In September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are not entitled to take their children on holiday in term time. Planned absence can only be taken with the prior written approval of the headteacher. Each case will be considered on its own merits and the decision of the headteacher is final.

Any requests for term time leave should be made on a leave of absence request form available from the school office and handed in at least two school weeks before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the local authority. Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996

Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G.

Further information regarding school attendance and penalty notices can be found on the DCC website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/welfare-services/attendance/school-attendance.aspx>

Please see our Attendance policy on our school website for more details.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 732236 or by email info@darleychurchtown.derbyshire.sch.uk with any questions or queries.



Autumn & Winter Menu



Allergen Key

Celery	C	Mustard	Mo
Cereals	G	Nuts	Mu
Crustaceans	Cr	Peanuts	N
Eggs	E	Sesame Seeds	P
Fish	F	Soya	Se
Lupin	L	Sulphur Dioxide	So
Milk	M		Su

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Curry G/M with Rice & homemade Flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Margarita Pizza G/M Served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M Creamed Potatoes M. Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger G in a Bun G with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Option 2	Ve Five Bean Chili with Rice & a homemade Flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables	Ve Vegetable Tagine served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Ve Veggie Sausage G served with a Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M Creamed Potatoes M. Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy 	Ve Vegan Burger G/So in a bun G with Homemade Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Cheese & Tomato Piriouche E/G/M with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Cooks choice of cookie G	Chocolate Cracknel G/M	Honey Cake with Fresh Fruit E/G/M 	Banana & Strawberry Yoghurt Muffin E/G/M 	Fruit Crumble G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 04.11.24 / 25.11.24 / 16.12.24 / 20.01.25 / 10.02.25 / 10.03.25 / 31.04.25

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta G Bolognese with French Stick G & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast G/Su with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G, Creamed Potatoes M. Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Cheese & Tomato Pizza G/M with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Stars F/G with Chips, Peas & Carrots
Option 2	Ve Dippers G with Homemade Sauce, Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables 	Ve Veggie Breakfast G with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes 	V Veggie Cottage Pie M/So with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Ve Veggie Balls G in a homemade tomato sauce with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables 	Ve Veggie Fingers G with Chips, Peas & Carrots
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Shortbread G	Lemon Slice E/G	Jelly & Fresh Fruit 	Chocolate Crunch E/G & Fresh Fruit 	Cornflake Tart G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 11.11.24 / 02.12.24 / 06.01.25 / 27.01.25 / 24.02.24 / 17.03.25

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Pasta Bake G/M with Seasonal Vegetables & French Stick G	V Southern Style Burger in a bun E/G/M with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans 	Sausages G/Su & Mashed Potatoes M. Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cottage Pie M & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Option 2	V Vegetable Pasta Bake G/M with Seasonal Vegetables & French Stick G	V Jacket Potato with Cheese M or Baked Beans & Seasonal Vegetables	V Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheesy Bake G/M/Mu with Seasonal Vegetables	Ve Vegan Sausage Roll G with Creamed Potatoes M. Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Macaroni Cheese G/M/Mu with Peas & Sweetcorn
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Cooks choice of Cookie G	Flapjack G	Sprinkle Cake E/G	Beetroot Brownie E/G with Fruit	Sticky Toffee Apple Sponge E/G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 18.11.24 / 09.12.24 / 13.01.25 / 03.02.25 / 03.03.25 / 24.03.25



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JustTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a chat, exclusive stickers, a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber, and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JustTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact; this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

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