



## School Office Friday Update

| REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Junior Netball Club</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Churchtown Tots- 9am-</b> All welcome.</li> <li>• <b>Junior's after school trampoline club</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Swimming- Class 2.</b> Last session.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Infants after school trampoline club</b></li> <li>• <b>Handbell Club</b></li> <li>• <b>Open the Book assembly</b></li> </ul>                                                                             |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Celebration Assembly- 3pm</b>, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.</li> </ul>                                                                    |
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| <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Junior Netball Club</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Churchtown Tots- 9am-</b> All welcome.</li> <li>• <b>Whole school pantomime trip.</b> Late collection- 4.30pm.</li> <li>• <b>No Junior trampoline club</b></li> </ul>                                    |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No swimming</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Infants after school trampoline club</b></li> <li>• <b>Handbell Club</b></li> <li>• <b>Christmas jumper day</b></li> <li>• <b>Christmas craft afternoon</b></li> </ul>                                   |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Celebration Assembly- 3pm</b>, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.</li> <li>• <b>PTA Non-uniform day-</b> In return for hamper items.</li> </ul> |

## Other news:

- We still have places available for Breakfast club, please contact the school office for more information.
- We have limited spaces still available for Trampoline Club and Netball Club, please book via Parentpay if your child wishes to attend. **These clubs are free if you qualify for free school meals.**
- 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.**
- **PTA Non-uniform day-** Categories have been assigned to each class, please bring the following in return for wearing non-uniform to school. Children are welcome to attend in uniform if they do not wish to take part. Thank you for your continued support.

**Class 1- Chocolate**

**Class 2- Christmas items**

**Class 3- Smellies**

- Our last swimming session for this year is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, lessons will restart on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- **Churchtown Tots Christmas party** will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the usual time of 9-10.30am. All welcome.
- Order forms and payment for teatowels must be in school by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Unfortunately, we cannot accept orders after this date.

| FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 16/12/2024                   | Class 1 Nativity            |
| 17/12/2024                   | PTA Christmas Bingo         |
| 18/12/2024                   | Christmas Party afternoon   |
| 19/12/2024                   | Christmas dinner day        |
| 19/12/2024                   | Christmas Church Service    |
|                              |                             |
| 20/12/2024                   | Last day of term            |
| 06/01/2025                   | School reopens              |
| 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            |

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](mailto: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<br>                        | 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<br>              |
| Option 2 | V Five Bean Chili with Rice & a homemade Flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables                          | V Vegetable Tagine served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables    | V Veggie Sausage G served with a Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M Creamed Potatoes M. Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy<br> | V Vegan Burger G/So in a bun G with Homemade Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables<br> | 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<br>                                                                        | Banana & Strawberry Yoghurt Muffin E/G/M<br>                                         | Fruit Crumble G with Custard M<br>                                |

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<br>     |
| Option 2 | V Dippers G with Homemade Sauce, Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables<br>                                     | V Veggie Breakfast G with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes<br> | V Veggie Cottage Pie M/So with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy                        | V Veggie Balls G in a homemade tomato sauce with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables<br> | V Veggie Fingers G with Chips, Peas & Carrots<br> |
| 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<br>                                                           | Chocolate Crunch E/G & Fresh Fruit<br>                                             | 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                                            |
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| 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<br> | Sausages G/Su & Mashed Potatoes M. Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy       | Cottage Pie M & Seasonal Vegetables                                         | Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn<br> |
| 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 | V 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





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Firmly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION  
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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

#### PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

#### MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

#### SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even on innocent search terms could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

#### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

#### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or misquoting to someone else.

#### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a 'parent's guide' to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the resources below.

#### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about sexting and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're faced with a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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