Aim high and believe, grow and succeed

With God all things are possible
Matthew 19:26

School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 25th November	• **Junior Netball Club**
Tuesday 26th November	• **Churchtown Tots- 9am-** All welcome. • **Junior's after school trampoline club**
Wednesday 27th November	• **Swimming- Class 2**
Thursday 28th November	• **Infants after school trampoline club** • **Handbell Club** • **Thursday Church-** 10.30am at St Helens. All welcome.
Friday 29th November	• **Celebration Assembly- 3pm**, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.
Monday 2nd December	• **Junior Netball Club**
Tuesday 3rd December	• **Churchtown Tots- 9am-** All welcome. • **Junior's after school trampoline club**
Wednesday 4th December	• **Swimming- Class 2.** Last session of the year.
Thursday 5th December	• **Infants after school trampoline club** • **Handbell Club** • **Open the Book assembly**
Friday 6th December	• **Celebration Assembly- 3pm**, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.

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.**

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
10/12/2024	Whole school panto trip
12/12/2024	Christmas craft afternoon with refreshments
12/12/2024	Christmas jumper day
13/12/2024	PTA non-uniform for Christmas hamper items
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 with any questions or queries.

Autumn & Winter Menu

Available Daily: Bread, Salad, Fresh Fruit Yoghurt & Drinking Water

Allergen Key

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

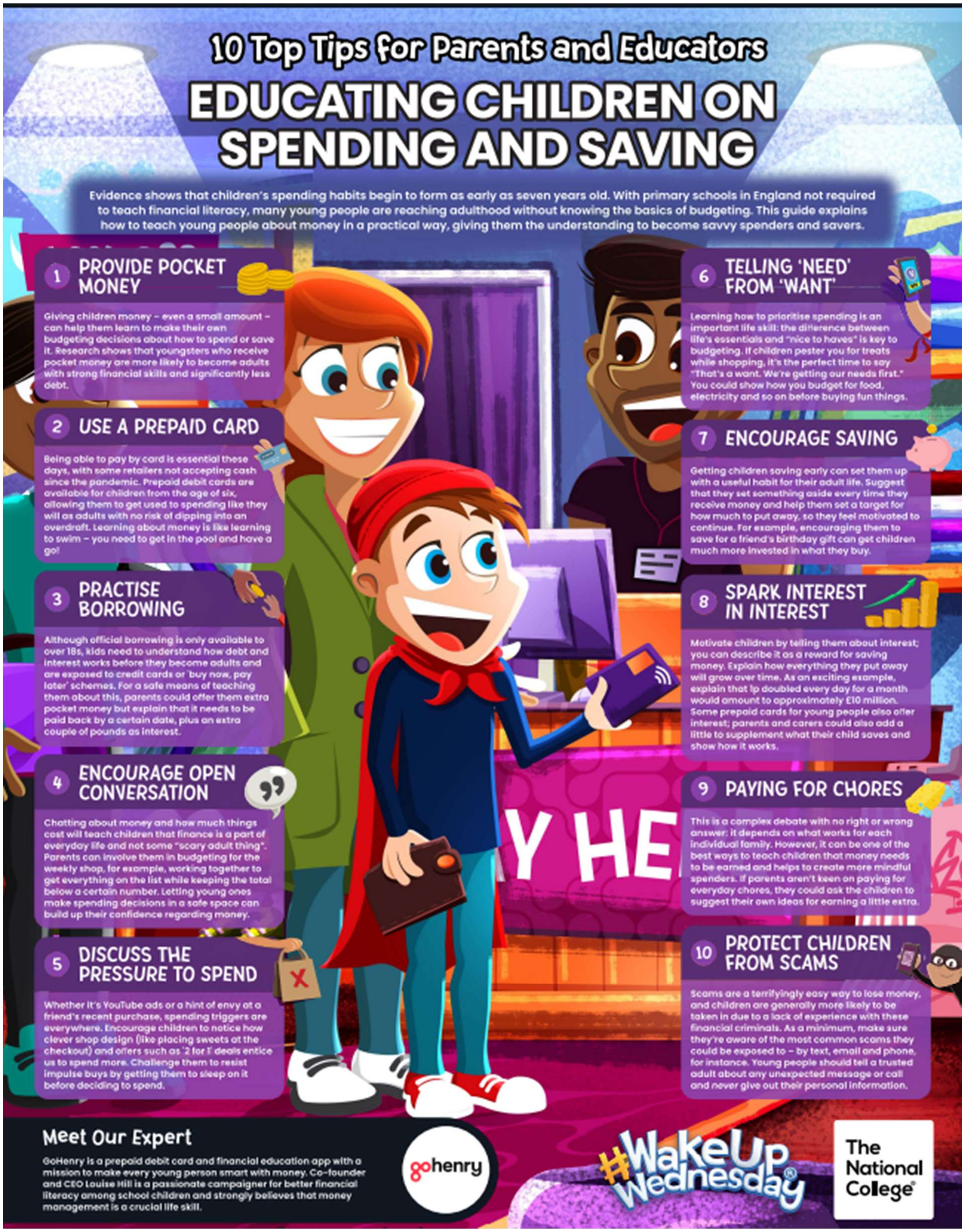
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta G Bolognaise with French Stick G & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast G/Su with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G, Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Cheese & Tomato Pizza G/M with Pasta G & Seasonal 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



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators
EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING
Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.
1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY
Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.
2 USE A PREPAID CARD
Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!
3 PRACTISE BORROWING
Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.
4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION
Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.
5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND
Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.
6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'
Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.
7 ENCOURAGE SAVING
Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.
8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST
Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.
9 PAYING FOR CHORES
This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.
10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS
Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.
Meet Our Expert
GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.
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