

# Ferryhill Station Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Half-term is inching ever nearer and I wanted to take the opportunity to once again thank all parents and carers for your support in what has been an extremely strange start to the school year.

It has been wonderful having the children back in the classrooms and we appreciate that it doesn't always come easy to you, as parents, to send your children to school under such odd circumstances.

We will continue to do everything that we can to maintain a safe, happy and familiar learning environment for your children and if anyone has any concerns or queries, you are more than welcome to give the school office a call.

Finally, keep reading to take a glimpse at what our children have been getting up to in their classrooms recently.

Mrs. Sones (*Temporary Head Teacher*)

## **Bikeability Course**

Parents of children in Class 4 (Year 5/6) will have received a letter this week with information about a Bikeability course that we have arranged to take place in school in November. The sessions will run on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November and will teach the children basic and important skills for riding when out in the streets and on the road. Your child can only take part if the consent form is completed and returned to school, and has their own bike and helmet to use. We are not in a position to loan equipment under current circumstances. Without the consent form and the appropriate equipment, your child will not be able to take part.

## **Punctuality**

Unfortunately, there have been an increasing number of pupils coming into school late. Late attenders not only disrupt the start of their own morning, but that of the rest of their class and they are regularly missing important parts of their day. If your child is 5 minutes late each day, this equates to 25 minutes each week, which results in over three school days lost within the school year. You should ensure your children are attending school on time every morning.

Class 1 & Class 2 start at 8.40am, Class 3 & 4 start at 8.50am. Nursery start at 8.30am.

## **In-School Dates to Remember**

### **Children in Need**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Children to come in non-uniform or fancy dress.**

**Suggested donation £1 per child**

**Photographers in School**

**(Group photos)**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

## **Term Dates**

October Half-Term begins

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020

School re-opens

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Christmas Holidays 2020

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Spring Half-term

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Back to School Support Fund

We understand that a lot of people in the County will have fallen into financial difficulty over recent months due to the coronavirus outbreak and Durham County Council have provided us with a small fund which allows us to provide essential items of uniform to those children in need. This includes school jumpers, trousers/skirts and shoes. We have taken the decision to provide these items in a size larger than what the child currently wears.

If you feel you would benefit from accessing this fund, we would appreciate it if you could email [ferryhillstation@durhamlearning.net](mailto:ferryhillstation@durhamlearning.net) informing us of your wish to apply, with some basic details of your requirements. This is **not** a means tested application, and therefore anyone is eligible to apply and all information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Applications should be received in school no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 for consideration.

We must remind you that the funding available to us is extremely limited, and when applications are received we will look at each application on their own circumstances.

## School Meals

You may already be aware that the way children have their lunch has been very different to what they are used to this term, due to the coronavirus pandemic, and the need for bubbles to be kept separate throughout the school. Class 1 and 2 have their lunches delivered to their classrooms, and class 3 and 4 have theirs in the dining hall, within their own bubbles.

We also wanted to take the chance to remind you that school meals are only £2.10 a day and would love to have you on board if your child would like to give them a try.



# Taylor Shaw

Seeing food differently

Autumn/Winter 2019 Menu - Week One

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Toad in the Hole Creamed Potato	Winter Chicken Casserole Boiled Potatoes	Roast Pork Roast Potatoes	Minced Beef and Onion Pie Creamed Potato	Battered Fish Fillet Chips with Tomato Ketchup
Pasta Bolognese <small>(vegetarian option available)</small>	Margherita Pizza (v) with Half Jacket Potato	Tuna Melt Roast Potatoes	Tomato and Basil Pasta (v)	Vegetable Curry Wholegrain Rice (v)
Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings
Cauliflower Mixed Vegetables Salad Selection	Broccoli Spaghetti Hoops Salad Selection	Savoy Cabbage Sweetcorn Salad Selection	Green Beans Carrots Salad Selection	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Selection
Ginger Sponge with Vanilla Sauce	Fruity Flapjack with Apple Slices	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge with Custard	Oaty Biscuit with Fruit Wedges





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef and Tomato Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Chicken Tikka Wholegrain Rice	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes	Minced Beef served in a Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Potatoes	Fish Fingers Chips with Tomato Ketchup
Mac and Cheese (v)	Wholemeal Pizza Slice (v) Half Jacket Potato	Vegetable Casserole with Dumplings (v) Roast Potatoes	Cheese Pie (v) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Vegetable Fajita (v) Chips
Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings
Garden Peas Carrots Salad Selection	Spaghetti Hoops Green Beans Salad Selection	Cauliflower Mixed Vegetables Salad Selection	Broccoli Sweetcorn Salad Selection	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Selection
Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard	Shortbread with Fruit Wedges	Feathered Jam Sponge with Custard	Ginger and Mandarin Muffin



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Breaded Chicken Breast Homemade Potato Wedges	Cottage Pie	Pork Loin Steak Roast Potatoes	Homemade Chicken Pie Creamed Potato	Fish Fingers Chips with Tomato Ketchup
Mince with Dumplings (vegetarian option available) Homemade Potato Wedges	Cheesy Margherita Pizza (v) Half Jacket Potato	Omelette (v) Roast Potatoes	Veggie Sausage Pasta in Mild Arrabbiata Sauce (v)	Vegetable Enchilada Chips (v)
Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings
Sweetcorn Carrots Salad Selection	Broccoli Spaghetti Hoops Salad Selection	Cauliflower Garden Peas Salad Selection	Mixed Vegetables Savoy Cabbage Salad Selection	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Selection
Apple Crumble with Custard	Lemon Slice with Milk	Chocolate Crunch with Custard	Marble Sponge served with Custard	Crunchy Biscuit with Apple Slices

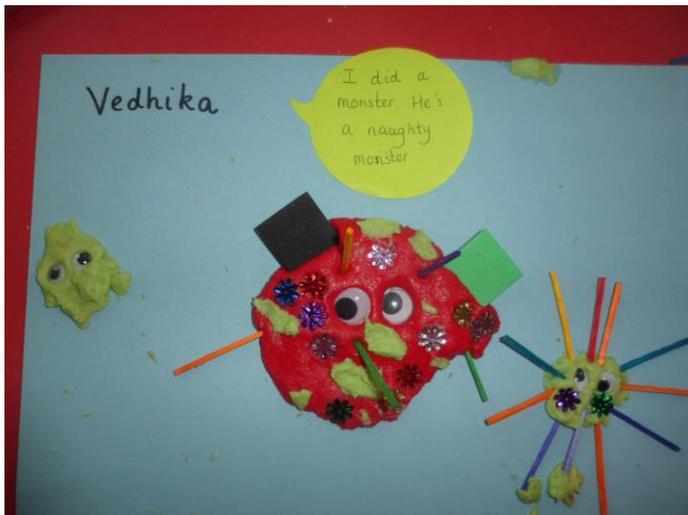
If you have any questions at all about our school meal service, or would like to discuss anything specific to your child, please give Miss Smith a call in the school office and she will be more than happy to help.

## What have we been up to in school?

### Class 1



Class 1 have been reading the book 'Bedtime for Monsters' this half-term. They have really enjoyed it and done some amazing work about it!



### Class 2

Recently, Class 2 took part in their Multi-Skills competitions. This consisted of the children taking part in lots of different physical activities such as throwing beanbags into hoops, jumping, running and skipping. The children were timed and had to do as many of each activity as they could within one minute. The next week, the children did the same activities and the goal was to beat their original score. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and were all given a certificate for taking part.



### Class 3

In History, Class Three have been learning about the Stone Age. They created their own Stone Age pictures using natural materials. They used mud and berries to paint with and used their hands and sticks as paintbrushes.





In Science, Class 3 have been learning all about states of matter. They have done some experiments to look at the changes between materials. We have melted chocolate and we have weighed the amount of carbon dioxide in fizzy pop. We love doing experiments!

Class 3 also took part in the Virtual Cross-Country competition. The children ran a whopping 1000 metres. Our fastest girl was Hollie, with a brilliant completion time of 8 minutes and 37 seconds, and our fastest boy was Dylan, with an amazing time of 7 minutes and 1 second. Congratulations Hollie and Dylan, and a huge well done to everyone who took part!

#### **Class 4**

Class 4 children also took part in the Virtual Cross Country running, and they ran a distance of 1400 metres! Our fastest girl was Purity, finishing in a very respectable 14 minutes and 38 seconds, and our fastest boy was Charlie who completed his run in an outstanding 11 minutes and 34 seconds! One again, a huge well done to the Class 4 children and congratulations to Purity and Charlie!