



# Corbridge Middle School

## Newsletter September 2021

### The Start Of Another Year

A very warm welcome to everyone!

We have had a great start to the term and are excited about all the opportunities opening up to us all after a tricky couple of years. There have been a few times in the last two weeks when I've remembered that I really do have the best job in the world!

Please take the opportunity to come into school and meet us and see the school in action at one of our coffee mornings or afternoons. You can book yourself in [here](#).







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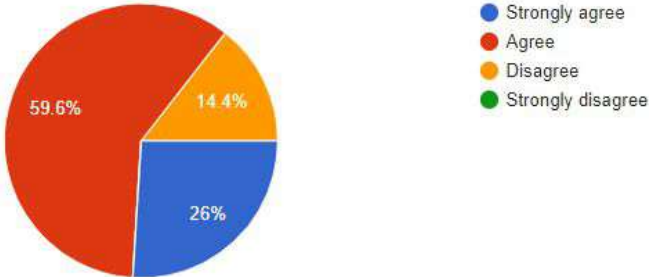


## Parental Questionnaire

Thank you so much to all the parents who took the time to fill in our questionnaire last July. Whilst the feedback was very positive, there are a couple of things we can clearly do to improve.

5 The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

104 responses



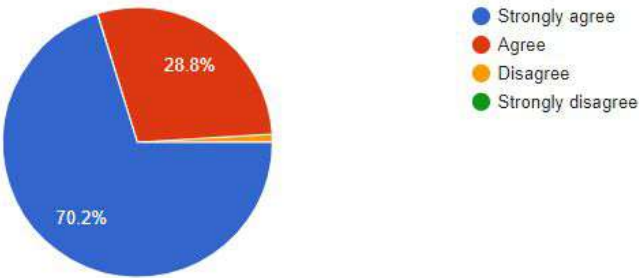
You can find out all about what your child will be learning on the curriculum part of the website [here](#). We will shortly be sending out a booklet for every child with information too.

There were a few comments asking for better communication about day-to-day activities. This will hopefully be improved following the introduction of our 'The Week Ahead' which will be sent out every Friday afternoons

Here are a few of the headlines:

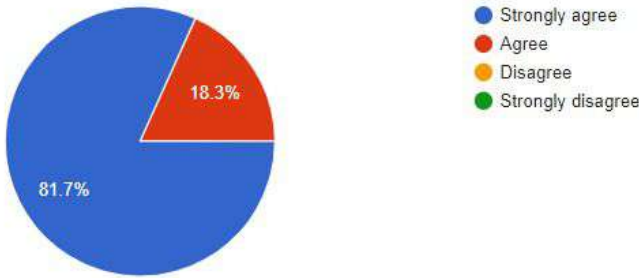
1 My child is happy at this school

104 responses



2 My child feels safe at this school

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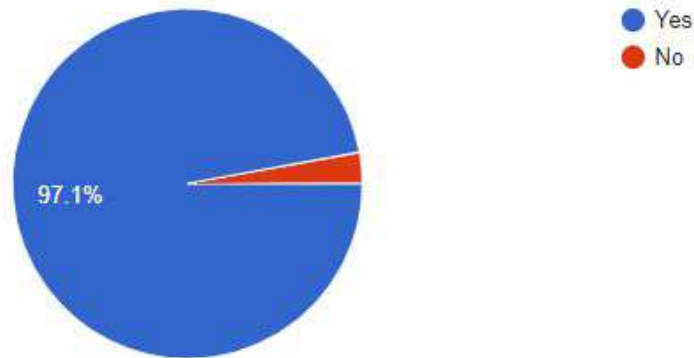




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13 | Would recommend this school to another parent

104 responses



"We are thrilled at her progress this year and have loved to hear about her self confidence growing across the whole curriculum. We are excited to see what next year will bring."

"I am extremely grateful to all the staff for the professional and friendly relationships they developed and nurtured with both my children through CMS, preparing them well for QEHS. Many thanks to you all!"

"We really appreciate your efforts to keep everyone happy, safe and learning in another difficult year. The video messages and live form chats during lockdown were a morale boost for the children learning at home."

"Fantastic school, amazing and supportive teachers, brilliant office staff and a very happy daughter! What more could you want!"

"All staff do an amazing job especially in what has been extremely difficult times, thank you"

"Keep up the great work - you are all making a real difference to our children's lives and you should be proud as a staff of the resilience you have shown through this difficult time. The staff are excellent role models in this regard and this has significantly contributed to the resilience and happiness of our children."

"You have given him such a brilliant foundation for his next steps in education, both in terms of his academic and personal development. We can't thank you enough!"

"Every aspect of Child Safety is well catered for"

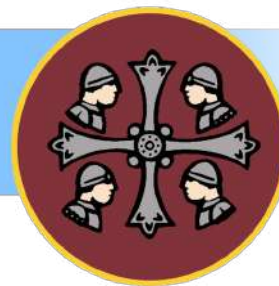
"Staff always respond quickly to queries and appropriate actions taken and information shared."

"All the staff care deeply for the children and really care and listen to the parents if there is a concern."

"Happy and engaged in work. He doesn't like doing homework but the homework he receives is always achievable and appropriate for his ability"

"The pastoral care at Corbridge is excellent. One or two friendship issues have arisen this year, as would normally be expected for children at this age. The staff have handled these problems with sensitivity, while treating the children in a mature and respectful fashion."

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## A big warm CMS welcome to...



*Miss Dolby*



*Mrs Child*



*Mrs Thornton*



*Mrs Blake Darcy*



*Mrs Reid*



*Mrs Dando*



*Mrs Dodd*

"A mum of two teenage children, I've worked in a school office for a number of years. Prior to that I had a career in the civil service and a short spell as a funeral arranger! To become Office Manager at Corbridge Middle school is such a privilege. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office where myself and the team will be happy to help." - *Mrs Dando*

"I have just started as a trainee teacher with 5B. In my spare time, I love going to the beach to watch the sunset, going on walks and reading. At school, English was my favourite subject and I have loved seeing the students be so creative in their English lessons this week. I am really looking forward to spending the year in such a wonderful school!" - *Miss Dolby*

"I'm a passionate amateur gardener, with a particular interest in dahlias. I play the piano, I love music and I sing in a choir called Dark Sky Voices - I'm excited about starting up the singing club soon! I just completed my 4th GNR, raising £350 for Newcastle dog and cat shelter." - *Mrs Reid*

"I am delighted to be back at Corbridge Middle School. Maths and English are my favourite subjects and I'm pleased to be working with lots of different groups this year. In my spare time I enjoy getting out in the garden and I'm really looking forward to working with the gardening club." - *Mrs Thornton*

"Outside of teaching, I enjoy spending my time walking my cocker spaniel. I have a young family who I love to be with and we spend most weekends out and about around Northumberland. I also love swimming when I get the chance! I used to be a rowing coach and have lived in the North East since I was at university." - *Mrs Child*

"Hello everybody, I'm Ms Blake Darcy and I am working across school teaching a range of subjects such as English and Music and helping out with clay work in the art room. I'm really enjoying getting to know many of you at lunchtimes too. When I'm not at work I like walking up mountains with my children and eating a good packed lunch at the top!" - *Ms Blake Darcy*

"I am really excited to start working at Corbridge Middle School. I enjoy reading, with true crime novels being my favourite and I love spending time with my grandchildren." - *Mrs Dodd*



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## Rivers Of The World

Last term some of our Year 7s worked on an enrichment project called 'Rivers of The World' which is run by the Thames River Festival and the British Council Connecting Classrooms.

The pupils visited our local river in Corbridge and created word-art images and bridge cut-outs for the panels. We managed to have a live online chat with pupils in the Ethio-Wales Academy in Addis

Pupils in Ethiopia did the same with their local river. The artworks were combined into panels which are now on display on the South Bank in London! The exhibition runs until October and then we will be able to have our panel on display in school.

This project was run in collaboration with the other schools in our Tynedale Connecting Classrooms cluster and aims to bring global learning and sustainable development into the curriculum.







## Wildlife Garden Ecological Survey

Taking pupils outside of the classroom brings learning to a different level.

Each of our Year 6 classes are conducting an ecology survey of the Wildlife Garden as part of their Living Things topic.

We learned how to use quadrats, pooters and magnifying viewers. We also did some tree beating. The pupils demonstrated respect for nature and some were rewarded by seeing a baby newt.

This work links to Sustainable Development Goal 15 (SDG15) Life On Land.







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## A Sticky Situation

Year 6 are studying Living Organisms this half term.

6S started by considering if a stick insect was a plant or an animal. Some pupils even held the school pet Twiglets.

We reviewed our understanding of the characteristics of living organisms and learned that all life is based on cells.





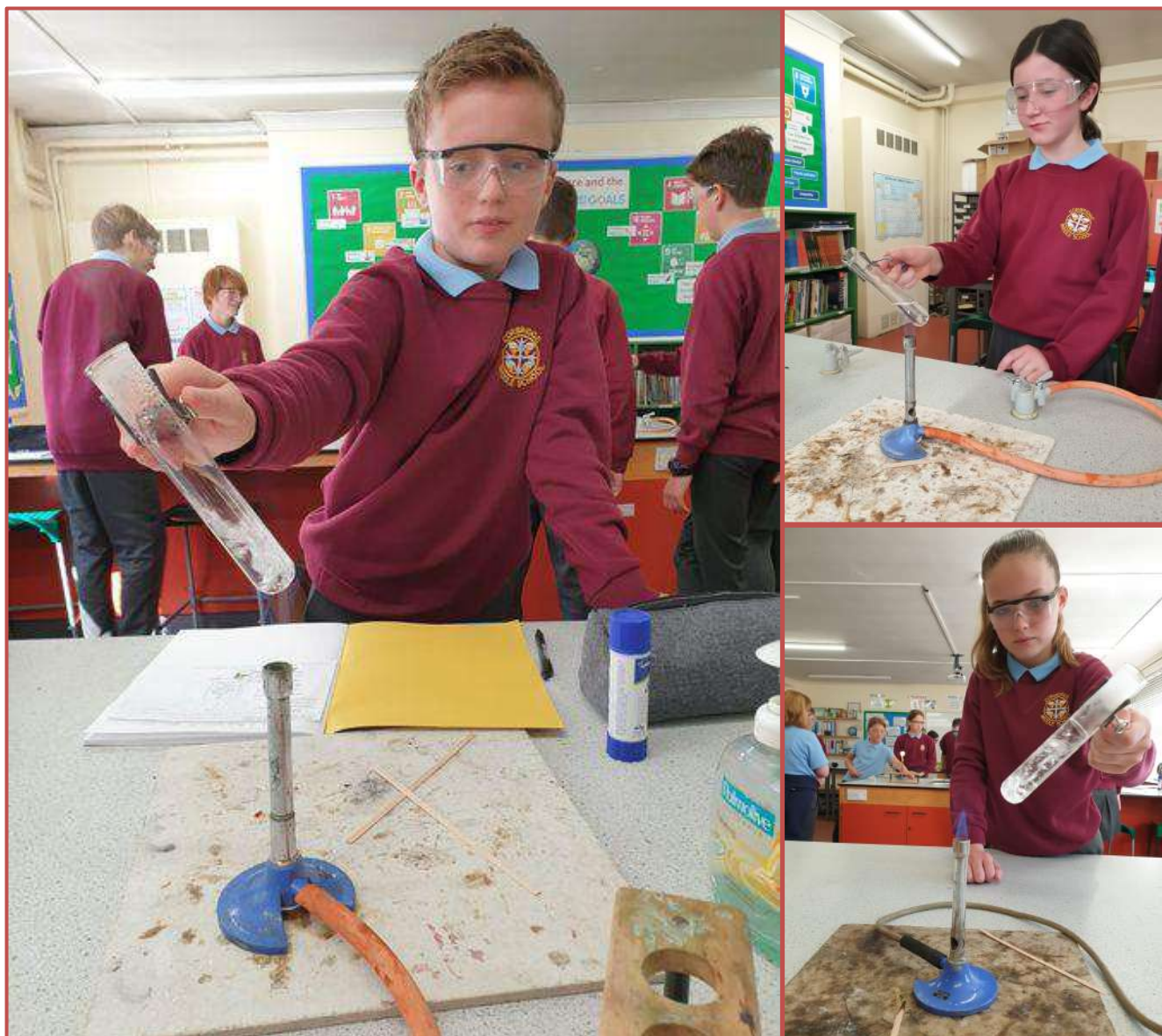


## Back In The Lab

Dr Batchelder is delighted to be back in the lab.

This week Year 8 learned how to use the Bunsen burners safely.

The pupils all followed the safety rules and enjoyed putting their science skills into practice.





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## Computing Enrichment



**This year Corbridge Middle School will be participating in the Astro Pi - Mission Zero Project and this links with learning about Python Programming Code in Computing Technology.**

The European Astro Pi Challenge is an ESA Education project run in collaboration with the Raspberry Pi Foundation. It offers students the amazing opportunity to conduct scientific investigations in space by writing computer programs that run on Raspberry Pi computers (*a bit like our Pi-Top computers in Computing*) on board the International Space Station (ISS).

The Astro Pi Challenge is divided into two missions with different levels of complexity and we have chosen Mission Zero. Small teams will write a program to display a message and humidity reading on an Astro Pi computer, for the astronauts to see as they go about their daily tasks on the ISS. As a school—as long as we follow the rules—we are guaranteed to have our programs run in space!

**Look out for further information (early October) from Mr Johnston about this exciting opportunity!**



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## Calling All Bookworms...

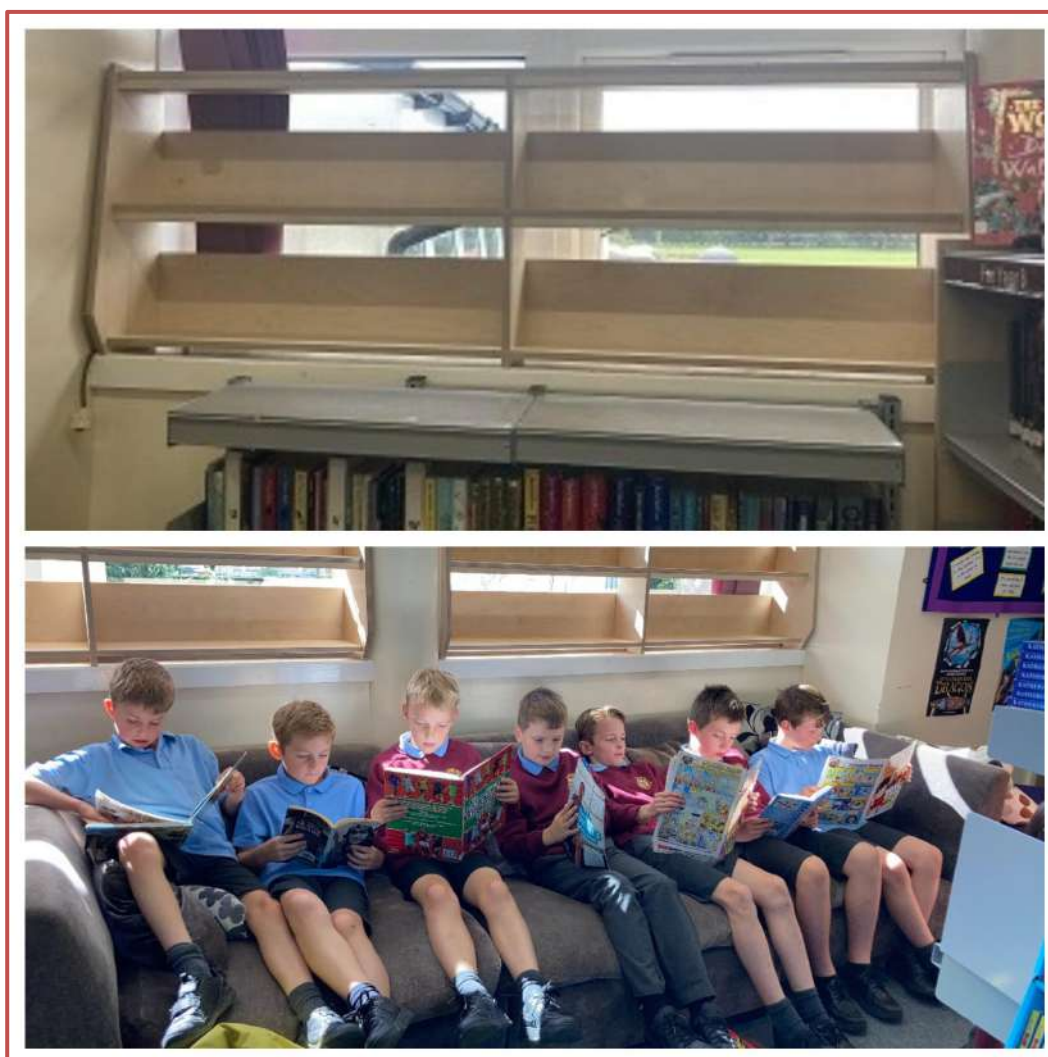
The Library has reopened!

From 12.35 - 13.05 every day pupils are able to browse, choose and borrow books in a calm and quiet environment. We also have a range of magazines and Kindles which can be used in the Library.

We are extremely lucky to receive regular donations from families and Forum books, and we often receive books prior to publication.

To display all our new books we have had some fantastic shelves built and installed by Mike Brennan Design. Mrs Ramsay is currently busy moving all the library books onto the new shelves so we can display even more books. We also have the biggest sofa EVER and lots of comfy bean bags.

Come and see us in U1!





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## History at CMS



We are looking forward to an interesting and informative year within the History curriculum at CMS. We are in the process of organising trips for each year group.

### **School trips linked to our History Curriculum**

Pupils can benefit from trips to historic sites and venues at every level of their education.

#### **Year 5 Oriental Museum, Durham University**

The Oriental Museum introduces pupils to the wonders of ancient Egypt. Displays cover the topics taught in school such as food and farming, writing and beliefs.

#### **Year 6**

History trip to be confirmed

#### **Year 7 Newcastle Castle**

The visit to Newcastle Castle will help pupils develop a deeper understanding of the Norman Conquest and the medieval age and will help to put into context what they have been taught in the classroom.

#### **Year 8 Killhope**

This trip to a traditional mine will introduce aspects of local history. Pupils will experience a hands-on visit which brings lead mining to life and gives an insight into the Industrial Revolution.

### **Enrichment Homework**

Pupils will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and love of History through homework activities which will also help to extend their subject knowledge.





## **Tours of Corbridge Middle School for prospective parents and carers**

We would like to invite parents and carers to come along and see the wide range of activities we are able to offer. You will be able to have a look around our school and meet our staff and students. We will offer an opportunity for children to visit later in the school year.

September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, 11:15am & 1:15pm

October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am & 11:15am

October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, 11:15am & 1:15pm

Numbers on each tour are limited so you must book in advance. You can find a link to the booking form on the homepage of our website at <http://corbridgemiddle.co.uk/> where a video of our school is also available. Alternatively, you can phone us on 01434 632 191 to make an appointment.

We look forward to welcoming you and giving you an insight into the many wonderful activities and events contributing to life at Corbridge Middle School.





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## Cleaner Vacancy



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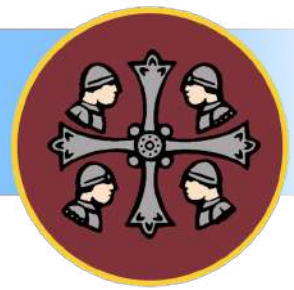
We are recruiting for the role of...

Cleaner

Please contact the school office via email at  
[admin@corbridgemiddle.co.uk](mailto:admin@corbridgemiddle.co.uk) or call us on  
01434 632191 for further details.



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## Menu for w/c 20/09/21

Please find a copy of next week's menu below - Each week this will be distributed via our new 'The Week Ahead' parental correspondence which will be emailed to all parents each Friday afternoon.

In addition to the school meals that are on offer each day there is a wide selection of drinks and snacks available at both breaks and lunchtimes.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course Choice</b>	Chicken Pasta Ⓢ	Mince & Dumplings Ⓢ Ⓣ	Chicken Fajitas Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓜ	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓜ	Baked Fish Ⓢ Ⓣ
	Tomato & Basil Pasta Ⓢ	Vegetable Chilli & Tortilla Chips Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓜ	Mixed Vegetable Pasta Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓜ	Roast Quorn & Yorkshire Pudding Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓜ	Pizza Ⓢ Ⓣ
	Filled Jacket Potato or Salad Sandwich Ⓢ	Filled Jacket Potato or Salad Sandwich Ⓢ	Filled Jacket Potato or Salad Sandwich Ⓢ	Filled Jacket Potato or Salad Sandwich Ⓢ	Filled Jacket Potato or Salad Sandwich Ⓢ
<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn, Pasta Ⓢ	Mixed Vegetables	Peas, Crusty Bread Ⓢ	Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots	Chips, Baked Beans
<b>Starters or Sweets</b>	Flapjack & Juice Ⓢ	Ice Cream Tubs Ⓢ	Fruit Sponge & Custard Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓜ Ⓝ	Fruit Salad & Jelly or Trifle Ⓢ Ⓣ	Fruit Muffin Cake & Juice Ⓢ Ⓣ
Fillings for Salad Sandwich: Tuna Mayonnaise Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓜ, Ham Ⓢ or Cheese Ⓣ Fillings for Jacket Potatoes: Tuna Mayonnaise Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓜ, Baked Beans Ⓢ or Cheese Ⓣ					

Ⓢ Celery  
Ⓣ Molluscs

Ⓢ Cereals containing gluten  
Ⓜ Mustard

Ⓢ Crustaceans  
Ⓝ Nuts

Ⓢ Egg  
Ⓝ Peanuts

Ⓢ Fish  
Ⓢ Sesame seeds

Ⓢ Lupin  
Ⓢ Soya

Ⓢ Milk  
Ⓢ Sulphur Dioxide

Bread may contain traces of sesame. Whilst every effort has been made to remove bones, some small ones may remain



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### Lunchtime Options

Bottled drinks:

- Fruit juice with spring water 45p
- Milkshake 58p
- Small flavoured water 58p
- Large flavoured water 63p
- Small spring water 58p
- Large spring water 63p
- Fruit juice with sparkling spring water 70p







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### Breaktime Options

Cheese scone	55p
2 slices of toast with butter and/or jam	35p
Fresh fruit	25p
Hot chocolate	55p
Bottled drinks:	
● Fruit juice with spring water	45p
● Milkshake	58p
● Small flavoured water	58p
● Small spring water	58p



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## Clubs Timetable Autumn 2021

Time	Club & Room	Staff
<b>Monday</b>		
Lunchtime	<b>Guitar Club - All years</b>	Mr Buckton
12.05	<b>Hockey club- Yr 6,7 and8 . Commencing Monday September 20 th</b>	Mrs Parkin
12.35	<b>Knitting Yr 5 L4</b>	Mrs Browne
12.35	<b>Library</b>	Mrs Ramsay
12.35	<b>Friendship Club L6 Yr 5</b>	Mrs Liddle
<b>Tuesday</b>		
lunchtime	<b>Ceilidh Band</b>	Mrs Stephenson (Music Hub staff)
12.35	<b>Library</b>	Mrs Ramsay
12:35	<b>Creative Club (KS2)</b>	Mrs Blake-Darcy
12.05 - 12.35	<b>Puzzle club L3 - Sudoku, work search , Usbourne puzzle book, Aquila magazine and any you might want to bring! (Beginning 21/09/21)</b>	Mrs Clarke L3
12.40 - 13.05	<b>Games club (pokemon or chess, depending on interest)</b>	Mr Norris (room TBC)
<b>Wednesday</b>		
12.35	<b>Library</b>	Mrs Ramsay
12:35	<b>Friendship Club Y6</b>	Mrs Liddle
12.05	<b>Needle/stitching work - L1 Learning how to do different stitches to complete a project. (Once normal lunchtimes are resumed).</b>	Mrs Pound
12:05	<b>KS2 Football Club (Just Year 5 until 1 hour lunches)</b>	Mr McKee





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Time	Club & Room	Staff
<b>Thursday</b>		
12.05 - 12.35	<b>Homework club/quiet space for reading or working</b>	Miss Bell/Mrs Hamer L8
12.50 - 1.30	<b>Open-door for quiet time, finishing off work and general drawing.</b>	Mrs Walker-Thomas in Art Room
12.50 - 1.30	<b>Weather and Climate Club Y7</b>	DR Batchelder & Mr Swinney in Lab
12.35	<b>Library</b>	Mrs Ramsay
12.40 - 13.05	<b>Games Club (board games/chess depending on interest)</b>	Mr Norris (room TBC)
15.00 - 15.30	<b>Boys Choir</b>	Mr Reed
<b>Friday</b>		
12.35	<b>Library</b>	Mrs Ramsay
12:05-12: 35	<b>Computer Club (Y5 only initially)</b>	Mr Johnston
12.40 - 13.05	<b>Game Club (general ideas/card games/make own games)</b>	Mr Norris (room TBC)
tbc	<b>KS2 singing club / choir (can do KS3 after half term) Will need zone/yard cover</b>	Mrs Reid (Music room?)



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## Important Dates Autumn 2021

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Aimed at</b>
<b>20/09/21</b>	<b>Coffee Morning with JK</b>	<b>Y5 Parents</b>
<b>27/09/21</b>	<b>Open Day</b>	<b>Prospective Parents</b>
<b>28/09/21</b>	<b>Open Day</b>	<b>Prospective Parents</b>
<b>01/10/21</b>	<b>Open Day</b>	<b>Prospective Parents</b>
<b>06/10/21</b>	<b>Open Day</b>	<b>Prospective Parents</b>
<b>21/10/21</b>	<b>School closes for Autumn Half Term</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>01/11/21</b>	<b>School Reopens for Autumn Half Term 2</b>	<b>All</b>