



This week we had a Parents' Representative Meeting on Monday. Thank you to those parents who could attend and to those who sent in their questions.

We covered a variety of topics including Trips, of which there seem to be quite a number. Sport for the Summer Term where everyone above Year 5 will swim and then do water sports and everyone Year 4 and under will swim all summer term. We will be looking to do some residential trips for Year 5 upwards including Mill on the Brue, Morzine and Runways End. Further details to follow.

On the 6th February, we will be holding an Evacuee Day across the school and have speakers who experienced being evacuated. The Catering Department will be providing a typical war menu and we are hoping to hold a Ready, Steady, Cook competition with rationed goods. In addition we are looking at 'Make Do and Mend' and hope to hold a clothing swap shop so if your children have grown out of anything, you can send it in and swap it for some items that will fit them.

Reminders

Warm Clothes

During this cold weather, students must wear appropriate clothing; a warm coat, hat and gloves (and spare trainers may be a good idea as many students play football at break and have wet feet!)

Absence

Can we remind parents to use the Studybugs App to report all student absence and ask that all parents give a detailed reason why children are not in school.

Water Bottles

All students should now be bringing their own water bottles in to school. We are trying to cut down on our plastic cup usage.
Thank you

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Following on from the Parent Questionnaire where careers and parental opportunities for training were raised, we are pleased to advise that the Careers programme is rolling out and we shall therefore be postponing the Options Evening. This starts with a task-based activity where the students will form working parties to represent their company in relaunching a power station as an active community resource. Juniors will have a careers week where we look at various types of professions.

We have also purchased an excellent package called Unifrog which is being rolled out to help students explore their interests, compare Apprenticeships, FE courses and University courses and then apply successfully. It covers the entire spectrum of applying for jobs and seeking employment as well as foreign colleges and volunteering. There are even virtual careers fairs that students can sign in and attend. The package will also enable us to manage work experience, PSHE, and the careers and progression process effectively.

Additionally, we have booked all our parents' tickets for the following Zoom course which will be held on 28 February, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. It is called 'Raising Children in the Digital Age'. Digital parenting is one of the most challenging aspects of raising children today. In this dynamic webinar, Dr Kathy Weston, founder of Tooled Up Education and expert in evidence-based approaches to parenting will share a range of actionable tips and strategies, evidence-based approaches to parenting, will share a range of actionable tips and strategies busy parents can use to ensure their children grow to become good digital citizens, critical consumers and stay emotionally and digitally resilient. The course is run through the Independent Schools Association and is the second of these Zoom courses we have promoted, the first being Drugs and Teenagers which many of you attended.

Miss Victoria Smit
Principal
Hurst Lodge School



Star Cook
Jake from
Year 7





Year 10-Year 13 Art, Photography and Graphics students visited the Tate this week as part of their exam preparation and course work. Despite the icy temperature, it was a very enjoyable and worthwhile visit.





The Juniors were watching an interactive Earth observation show. They were able to view our beautiful planet from space and visit the orbiting satellites that are helping us combat climate change.



Forest School

Mrs Summers was caught chatting to one of our resident Egyptian Geese on the bridge.



Star Cook

Jack from
Charmander
Class



Acorns made wraps in Cookery and Matt made a wonderful smiley one!



Menu

Monday 22nd January

Jackets, Salads and Sandwiches
(VG) Vegetable Spring Rolls

Tuesday 23rd January

Pasta with a Bolognese or Tomato sauce,
broccoli and sweetcorn

Wednesday 24th January

Chicken a la King with Rice, broccoli and carrots
(V) Sweet potato, Spinach and Goats Cheese Pie

Thursday 25th January

Sausages, New Potatoes,
Seasonal vegetables and gravy
V Cauliflower Cheese

Friday 26th January

Brunch from 11 am

Salad Bar

Lettuce | Cucumber | Tomatoes | Potato Salad | Coleslaw | Beetroot
Tuna Pasta | Sweetcorn | 2 Composite Salads

Protein

Sliced Gammon | Boiled Eggs | Mackerel | Tuna

Extras

Yoghurts | Jellies | Fruit | Cheese & Crackers | Plain Pasta
Jacket Potatoes (with cheese & beans) | Selection of Sandwich
fillings are available (including Jam, Cheese, Ham)