

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school. I am always so humbled by how confidently they settle into their learning and social routines; within minutes of arriving at school each day the children are fully engaged with their learning and the environment is calm and orderly. We value the excellent relationships we foster at all levels at Two Gates.

The spring term calendar is filling up – please keep an eye on the website so that you don't miss any of the key dates and events. You will receive a paper copy of your child's curriculum map early next week - this will also be available on Seesaw and the website. As always, if there is anything you are unclear about, please contact the office so we can help.

As we start the new term, may I remind you of some school rules and routines we need to adhere to for the **safety and** well-being of everyone:

- Please aim to<u>arrive at school by 8.30</u>- in good time for the start of the school day; we are monitoring attendance and punctuality daily and will follow up on any concerns arising
- Break time snacks should consist of <u>fruit or vegetables only</u>. In Early Years and KS1, snack is provided by the school daily. <u>Due to allergies, we are a nut-free school</u>.
- All children should bring a <u>named water bottle</u> so that they can have regular drinks in class. These bottles should only hold <u>water.</u>
- Please <u>do not bring your dogs</u> onto the school site. If, on occasion, you have to, then dogs must be carried at all times
- Mobile phones should be kept out of sight at all times when you are on the school site; this is part of our safeguarding procedures.
- All prescription medicines <u>must be brought into school by an adult via the school office</u>. <u>Pupils must not bring</u> <u>any medication or medicinal sweets (e.g. cough sweets) into the school themselves</u>.



This week we have given out certificates and special pencils to pupils who managed to achieve 100% Attendance during the Autumn Term. This is an amazing achievement; they are all determined to achieve their Silver Award at the end of this term. We hope we will have many more pupils attaining their Bronze 100% at the end of this term too. Every day matters!



We have some wonderful news to share with you; Mrs Dodds started her maternity leave on Monday and her beautiful baby boy was born on Tuesday! Many congratulations to the Dodds Family!



Don't forget to ask any clubs or organisations your children attend out of school to register with Children's University so that your children can build up their hours towards the CU rewards.

Please see more news, photos and information below and remember that you can follow us on Twitter @2gatesprimary. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please remember that we are here for you; just call the office on 01827 213855 or email<u>office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk</u>

Mrs Llewelyn-Cook



Love children, love learning!

Treat you child today - book them a school lunch on Thursday

> Our School Kitchen are preparing an extra special American Feast on THURSDAY 19th JANUARY

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CHILDREN EAT

FREE

MAINS

Burger in a Bun OR Quorn Hot Dog

SIDES

Chips, Peas and Baked Beans

DESSERTS

Strawberry Jelly, Honey Cookie and Vanilla Ice Cream



Follow us on Twitter We are going to be sharing many more pictures and videos of the work we are completing

If you are in receipt of income related benefits you may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your child. Aside from a free meal each day this entitles your child to other benefits including supermarket shopping vouchers to be used during school holidays, holiday activities, subsidised residential visits and music tuition. Once your child is in receipt of free meals the entitlement stays with them throughout their education, even during their time at secondary school If you think you may be entitled and are not already in receipt of free meals please click the link below. This entitlement is in addition to the Universal Free Meals that all children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive.**

> CLICK HERE FOR MORE

Diary Dates

DON'T FORGET

<u>Wednesday 18th January 2023</u> Year 1 - Year 6 Pantomime (in school) 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'

Friday 17th February Last day of school

Monday 20th to Friday 24th February Half Term

> Monday 27th February Inset Day - School closed

<u>Monday 20th till 24th March</u> Year 6 visit to Paris



HELE DOLLE

Our super swimmers in Year 6 are making progress and achieving their next goals well done!





DID YOU KNOW?

SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

All of our school meals are nutritionally balanced and meet the School Food Standards. We ensure that the favourite dishes are featured on our menu and also cater for children with allergens and intolerances. We believe that enjoying a nutritious hot meal at lunch time is always better than a packed lunch... and it's even better when it's free!

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All-in-One Cottage

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THEME DAY MENUS

A big welcome back and Happy New Year!

While the children were on their festive break, our team of chefs were busy in the kitchen preparing delicious menus for our exciting new theme days.

This term, we're serving American favourites, yummy pancakes and having some fun with our menu to celebrate World Book Day.

CLICK See our theme day menus here

BRILLIANT BUDGET WINTER WARMER RECIPE

Good nutritious food should be simple, tasty and easy using ingredients we already have in the kitchen like our All-in-One Cottage Pie.

The best thing about this recipe is that you can pack in lots of different veggies into the mince mix to make it full of even more goodness. We have used carrots, sweet potatoes, peas and sweetcorn but you can add any vegetables you have in the fridge making this an affordable winter warmer recipe your child can help to build.

Watch our cook along video here



All children can get a free lunch at school if they're in reception, year I or year 2. Many other children in years 3 and above may also be eligible to a free school lunch – simply speak to your School Office to check your entitlement.

We love to hear from parents and children about what they think of our school meals. Please get involved by completing our **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** survey. The insights help us to do what we do best – serve great

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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