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Southminster C of E Primary School's Newsletter Friday 17th November 2023

Bible Quote of the Week

Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.



We all had a super time helping to raise money for Children in Need with the Pudsey Bearpee Challenge this week, culminating in our 'sporty and spotty' dressing up day on Friday. Thank you for your support in sponsoring your children or in making donations to support this fantastic charity.

We also thank everybody who managed to fill a shoebox for the Samaritan's Operation Christmas Child charity. The Church is continuing to collect boxes until Sunday, for those of you who still wish to donate.

EYFS

This week we have started to look at the number five. We have begun to recognise, subitise and order numbers from 1-5. We have also been looking at the celebration 'Chinese New Year' this week and we were lucky enough to try out some yoga in our PE session linked to the story of the Zodiac. We created our own collage paper lanterns for good luck!

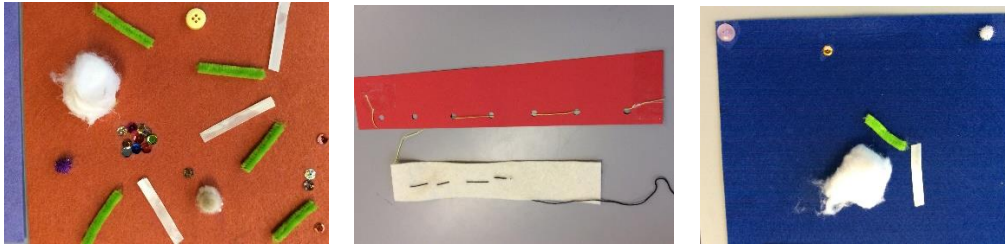


KS1

As part of our DT topic this term, KS1 will be designing and making a Christmas decoration. So far, we have investigated existing products, finding out what they are, what they are made from and how we think they are joined together. We have explored different joining techniques, sewing, staples, glue, Sellotape, Blu Tack and paper clips. We also used a running stitch to join fabric. The children were very excited to sew. One of the boys in Seacole class said, 'I learned to sew today!' We have also investigated different ways to decorate textiles.



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LKS2

This week, Years 3 and 4 have been learning more about electricity. In History, we have explored the impact of electrical inventions. The three inventors we focussed on were Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla and Alexander Graham Bell. We have investigated how electricity has developed over the years and the significance it has had on our lives. We have used laptops to research the contributions of inventions and created a chronological timeline to showcase the order of electrical inventions over time. We gathered the classes together in the hall to talk about past electrical inventions such as lighting, communication and electrical appliances and their influence on modern society and how it has changed our lives for the better.

The children also had a very exciting Science lesson when they made their own simple switches using only cardboard, a paper clip and a brass pin.

The fun part happened when they had to construct their own simple circuit. They used their initiative as they had made a circuit before in DT last half term. The children connected the simple switch to the circuit and found they could turn the bulb on and off just by moving the paperclip.



UKS2

This week, Year 5 and 6 students embraced the Burpee Challenge with enthusiasm, supporting Children in Need. Maths classes focused on deepening multiplication skills, particularly in long multiplication. Simultaneously, our geography exploration kicked off, delving into trade and its historical impact, connecting lessons with the effects of war. The children showcased teamwork in the physical challenge and an eagerness to connect subjects for a holistic understanding of our interconnected world.



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The Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2) cohort at Southminster has recently relished an enriching experience day in collaboration with the WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust. The students were afforded the unique opportunity to engage in a comprehensive range of activities, including immersive flight simulation, creative poem writing, and active participation in a captivating quiz.

On behalf of the entire staff at Southminster, we extend our sincere gratitude to the WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust for orchestrating such a splendid and educational day for our students. Additionally, we wish to commend our students for displaying impeccable behaviour throughout the entirety of the day. Their exemplary conduct truly contributed to the overall success of this remarkable experience.

We express our appreciation for the collaborative efforts that have made this week truly exceptional. Thank you for a fantastic week of learning and engagement.



Baby News

We are sure that you will want to join us in congratulating Miss Mills on the safe arrival of her beautiful baby girl. Baby Rory was born on Monday and both Mummy and Baby are doing very well.

Dates for your Diary:

EYFS Nativity: 6th December 9.30-10.00 and 7th December 2.30-3.00

KS1 Nativity: 13th December 2.00-3.00 and 14th December 9.30-10.30

KS2 Carol Concert: 11th December 9.30-11.00 and 12th December 1.30-3.00

Christmas Jumper Day: 7th December

Christmas Dinner Day: Wednesday 13th December

Panto: Friday 8th December

Deadline for booking Christmas dinner: 7th December. No late bookings can be taken.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Woods and all the staff at Southminster C of E Primary School



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Lunch menu (1) for week commencing Monday 20th November 2023

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| Main Course Option 1 | Cheese and Tomato Pizza | Meatballs in Tomato Sauce | Roast Gammon Steak with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy | Beef Burger in a soft bun with Tomato Ketchup | Crispy Coated Jumbo Fish Finger |
| Main Course Vegetarian | | Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce | Sage & Onion Crispy Quorn Fillet | Vegetable Burger in a soft bun with Tomato Ketchup | Jacket Potato with Beans |
| Lighter Bite | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Tuna | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Salmon Fish Fingers / Bites with Ketchup |
| Accompaniments | Tomato and Basil Pasta Twirls Salad Selection | Spaghetti Peas Salad Selection | New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Salad Selection | Potato Wedges Salad Selection | Crispy Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans Salad Selection |
| Dessert | A selection of desserts will be available each day, including fruit and yoghurt | | | | |



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Lunch menu (2) for week commencing Monday 27th November 2023

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Main Course Option 1 | Meat-Free Sausage Roll | Mild and Creamy Chicken Korma Curry with Mini Garlic Naan Bread | Baked Sausage Roast with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy | Crunchy Topped Cottage Pie | Battered Fish Fillet |
| Main Course Vegetarian | | Quorn Curry with Mini Garlic Naan Bread | Baked Vegetarian Sausage Roast with Yorkshire Pudding | Crunchy Topped Vegetarian Pie | Quorn Bites |
| Lighter Bite | Jacket Potato with Tuna | Tomato and Basil Pasta | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Cheese |
| Accompaniments | Mashed Potato Baked Beans Salad Selection | Fluffy Rice Broccoli Florets Salad Selection | Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Salad Selection | Sweetcorn Salad Selection | Crispy Chips Pea Salad Selection |
| Dessert | A selection of desserts will be available each day, including fruit and yoghurt | | | | |



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Lunch menu (3) for week commencing Monday 4th December 2023

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Main Course Option 1 | Golden Macaroni Cheese | Omega 3 Fish Fingers | Roast Turkey Breast with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy | <i>Farmhouse Grill</i> Back Bacon Rasher & Pork Chipolata Sausage | Southern Coated Chicken Breast Fillet with BBQ sauce /Tomato Ketchup |
| Main Course Vegetarian | Tomato & Basil Pasta | Fishless Fingers | Baked Quorn Fillet with Gravy | Vegetarian Sausages | Quorn Dippers with Ketchup |
| Lighter Bite | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Beans | Jacket Potato with Tuna | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans |
| Accompaniments | Garlic Bread Slice Broccoli Florets and Peas Salad Selection | Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Salad Selection | New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Salad Selection | Baked Beans Tomatoes Hash Browns & Sliced Bread Salad Selection | Crispy Chips Coleslaw and Sweetcorn Salad Selection |
| Dessert | A selection of desserts will be available each day, including fruit and yoghurt | | | | |

Remember to pre-book your child's Christmas dinner by 7th December 2023







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Lunch menu (1) for week commencing Monday 11th December 2023

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| Main Course Option 1 | Cheese and Tomato Pizza | Meatballs in Tomato Sauce | Christmas Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings | Beef Burger in a soft bun with Tomato Ketchup | Crispy Coated Jumbo Fish Finger |
| Main Course Vegetarian | | Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce | Quorn Toast Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings | Vegetable Burger in a soft bun with Tomato Ketchup | Jacket Potato with Beans |
| Lighter Bite | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Tuna |  | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Salmon Fish Fingers / Bites with Ketchup |
| Accompaniments | Tomato and Basil Pasta Twirls Salad Selection | Spaghetti Peas Salad Selection | | Potato Wedges Salad Selection | Crispy Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans Salad Selection |
| Dessert | A selection of desserts will be available each day, including fruit and yoghurt | | | | |

Christmas dinner must be pre-booked by **7th December 2023**. No late bookings will be accepted.

Any child not booked in for Christmas dinner, will need to bring in a packed lunch.