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# Springhead Newsletter

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### Christmas Festive Bubble Party Dinner

As we are unable to get all of the children into the hall at lunchtime, we will be having Christmas party sandwich boxes on the last day of term (18th December). The children will be able to enjoy these together, with a party atmosphere, in their classrooms.

### All day breakfast school dinner

On Tuesday 24th November, the schools cooks will be cooking an all day breakfast dinner. The menu will be:

- Pork or Quorn sausage
- Bacon
- Omlette
- Hash Brown
- Baked Beans
- Toast
- Pudding—Chocolate orange crispy bar, fruit slices, yogurt

### Food allergy updates

If your child has a food allergy, we need to know. Please contact the school office for an allergy form. Forms will need to be updated every 6 months.

### Please do not congregate by the school gates

Can I thank you for maintaining a social distance when dropping-off and collecting your children. As you will be very aware, the rate of infection in this area is very high and we all need to do our bit to reduce the spread of the infection. A few parents have contacted me to express their concerns that parents are waiting on the path near the health centre making it very difficult for others to walk past at a social distance.

### What to do if your child shows symptoms of Covid-19

The NHS says that the main symptoms are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**If a member of your household is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, your child should not be in school whilst you get tested and await the results.**

### Nursery class intake September 2021

If your child is 3 by September 2021, they will be able to start in our school nursery. If you would like a place, please put your child's name down on the list in the school office. If you know someone else who has a child of this age, please let them know.

### Reception class intake 2021

If your child is 4 before 1st September 2021, they need to apply for a place at the school—even if they are currently in our nursery. Applications are done via the Staffordshire admissions website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

or phone 0300 111 8007 and ask for school admissions.

Applications must be made by 15th January.

### Bags 2 School—collection next Monday

The plastic bags were sent home before half term. If you have any items of old clothing, shoes or bags please send them into school.

They will be collected on Monday 16th November.

The full list of items that can be collected is on the bags. If you have more than one bag full of clothing, you can send it to school in dustbin bags. The school receives money for the clothes donated.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal—collected on Monday



Following the success of last year's shoebox appeal, we are once again taking part in the Samaritan Purse shoebox collection. Each class will

be making shoe boxes to send. If you would like to donate items, please send them into school. A leaflet went home before half term with details on it.

Last year, a number of families packed their own shoeboxes—if you are planning to make your own shoe box, or you are donating towards a class shoe box, the items need to be received by **Monday 16th November** so that they can be collected.

Thank you for all of your kind donations, these will make some children very happy this Christmas.

### Needed—cardboard boxes

We raise extra money for the school by recycling through Terracycle. This recycling is packed into cardboard boxes which Nike normally donate to us. Due to lockdown, this is no longer possible. If any parents work in shops and can donate empty cardboard boxes (60cm x 60cm x 60cm) we would be grateful if you could bring some to school.