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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Term

Wednesday Jan 5th

Friday April 8th

February Half Term

Monday February 21st

Friday February 25

Back to School

Monday February 28

Red Nose Day

Friday March 18th

Easter Holiday

Monday April 11th

Friday April 22nd

Pathfield School Queen's Platinum Jubilee day

Tuesday May 3rd

LATEST OFSTED REPORT

[https://
reports.ofsted.gov.uk/
provider/25/113638](https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/113638)

PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE

[https://
www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/
news-events/news/](https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news-events/news/)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have seen a drop off in COVID-19 cases this week with 3 confirmed cases across the school. This is obviously a huge turnaround and relief for everyone linked to school. Our current COVID-19 measures remain in place and will be reviewed next week. Staffing levels across the school are still stretched due to the isolation period and prolonged illness, and it will take some time before we are closer to our normal staffing levels. Please be patient with us as we may not be able to respond as quickly or fully as usual.

I'd like to repeat our message regarding testing and symptoms below. A big thank you if you have been contacted by school as families have been very supportive.

You can continue to help school by regular Lateral Flow testing (LFT) or when advised (depending on age) and seeking PCR tests at the onset of any symptoms. Our anecdotal experience around symptoms is that it may present differently than the recognised temperature, persistent cough and loss of taste and smell. Symptoms may also include cold and flu like symptoms such as a runny nose, aches and tiredness.

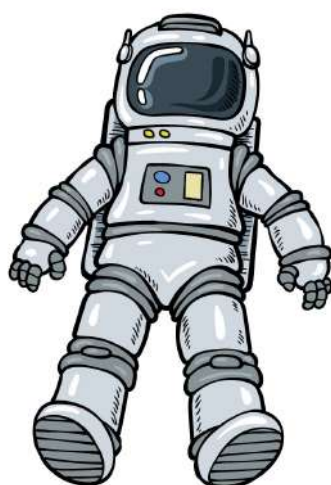
We will inform you if your child develops any symptoms in school and ask for them to be picked up. We will then recommend that they have PCR test and a clear result before returning. LFT's are for close contacts and asymptomatic testing and are proving effective at picking up the early onset of symptoms.

Thank you for your support.

Stuart

Planetarium

KS3 arranged for a mobile planetarium to visit and consolidate their learning on space. Several classes got the opportunity to see real images of the solar system, stars, planets and the sun. The experience led to lots of space related chatter and some future plans to move to Mars! 😊



Christmas Craft Fayre

Calling all makers and sellers of crafts

Would you like a stall at our Christmas Craft Fayre? This year our Craft Fayre will take place on Saturday 26th November 2022

All tables are £10 - limited availability.

Please contact Avril aburrows@pathfield.devon.sch.uk to reserve your table.

News from Pathfield School Library

The children were very excited to receive some new books this week from 'Walter Henry's Bookshop' for our library. This is due to the fact we successfully won grant bids from **The Foyle Foundation** and **The Davie Barnstaple Trust**.

We have also used some of the funding to purchase our very own Pathfield Book Bag's so that every student can take a book home of their own choice to read together with family. For those students starting Read, Write Inc we will also be sending home a reading book after half term. We have created reading areas both in classrooms and around the school to promote our love of reading and also invested in additional audiobooks for students to enjoy. We are particularly excited about our 'Tonie' boxes which are fantastic for our non-readers to listen to stories.

We would also like to create our own Pathfield 'Reading Spine' so that we can ensure our students experience a range of different books as they move through the school. We want our core list of books to be full of great stories from old classics to modern favourites.

We will base our list on advice from literacy experts such as Pie Corbett, but we also want to know what our children and staff love to read. Therefore, we will be emailing out a form where you can rate the books on our list so far, if you don't know the book then do not choose a star, if you love it then please give 5 stars. As there are so many books, we have split them into 2 categories: picture books and chapter books for you to rate depending on what your child enjoys. You will notice that in each category the texts become increasingly more complex, so don't feel you have to rate each one. Most importantly, there will be the chance for you to let us know which other authors or books you think we should add to our list.

In addition to these classic books we will also be introducing other stories related to health and wellbeing, celebrating diversity and championing inclusivity which will enrich our reading spine and make it unique.

If you would like a paper copy of the survey then please let us know. Could you please complete the survey by Friday 11th February.





Safeguarding



Hi everyone,

This week, I would like to share with you our new Safeguarding team posters that will be displayed around the school. These will be shared with all our pupils so that they are aware of who they can ask for help if they are concerned or worried.

Safeguarding

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I need help

I'm worried

Someone is being unkind

You can talk to any member of staff ...

Who else can help ... Your Safeguarding Team

Adam James
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sharon Facey

Penny Bacon

Pauline Bithell

Karen Goodwill

Nathan Gosling

Stuart Allman

Anthony May

Ray Charran
Safeguarding Governor

As always, if you need to discuss any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Adam James, Designated Safeguarding Lead



Community Grants

We are delighted to let you know that following the Tesco Community Grant vote in our local Tesco stores, **Pathfield School's project came FIRST** and has been chosen by Tesco Customers to receive a grant award of £1,492.00! Thank you to all our pupils, parents, carers, staff and friends who have supported Pathfield School by choosing to 'spend' their blue Tesco tokens towards our project. The grant will help us to buy and install a 'Light and Sound Arch' on one of our playgrounds to support our Disability and Sensory Outdoor space.



Pathfield School Vacancies

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news/category/vacancies-and-volunteering/>

Mealtime Assistant

Salary £9.43 per hour

Job Term Permanent

Hours per week 7.5 (working daily Monday—Friday between 12noon and 1.30pm)

Weeks per annum 38

Would you be able to support me and my friends at Pathfield School between 12 noon and 1.30 each day?

We have SEN and need help to eat our dinner, learn how to play and socialise, access lunchtime clubs and to take care of our personal needs whilst promoting our independence.



Teaching Assistant - Grade C

Salary £9.81 -£10.21 per hour

Job Term Permanent

Hours per week 28.75

Weeks per annum 40

Closing Date 14th February 2022

Pathfield School is a vibrant learning environment inspiring interaction, achievement and independence.

A sound knowledge and understanding of learning opportunities in a Special School is desirable. You will need to evidence how you would support learning to maximise pupil progress and how you would present professionally at all times. An ability to positively accept and follow direction is essential in order to maximise pupil learning and contribute to an inspiring learning environment.

Please drive carefully

May we please remind our parents and carers to slow down while driving along the school. We have noticed some very fast cars recently.

A slower car is a safer car, particularly when children may be crossing the road. Please adhere to a slow speed limit so you can stop your car on time should you need to. We need to keep our pupils and staff safe.

The learning doesn't have to start on the school premises. Teach your kids as much as you can about road safety as possible. Set a good example as a parent, considerate and observant driver. Thank you.



Lunch Menu w/c 07/02

Week 2

17/01, 07/02, 07/03, 28/03

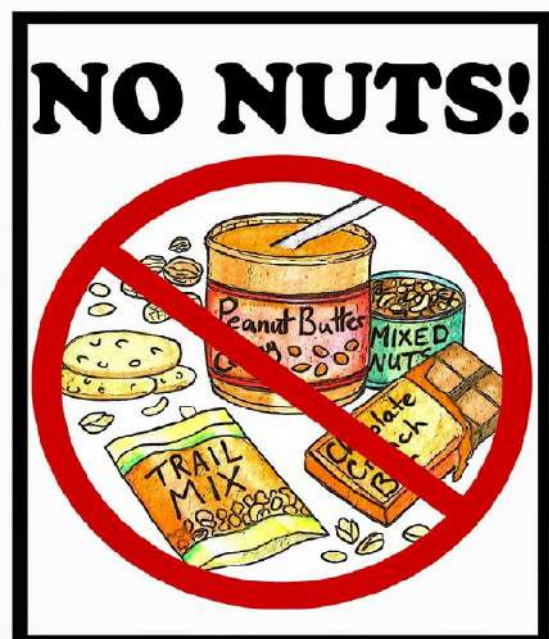
Mon	Pasta bolognese & garlic bread Jacket potato & beans Peas & carrots Rock bun & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Tues	Cottage pie Cheese & broccoli quiche Green beans & swede Cookie & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Wed	Roast chicken Lentil loaf Roast potatoes or pasta Cauliflower & cabbage Fresh fruit salad Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Thurs	Sausage rolls Vegetarian chilli & rice Mixed vegetables Chocolate/orange sponge & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Fri	Fish fingers Roasted vegetable pizza Chips or pasta & peas Cherry cheesecake & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit

We are a Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Free School.

We ask for parent's / carer's help in making appropriate choices for their children's snacks and lunches. Please do not bring to school anything that includes nuts as we have a number of children and staff who have severe nut allergies. This includes chocolate spreads, e.g. Nutella.

Thank you for keeping our school safe.



Pathfield School Term Dates: 2021-22 Academic Year

School Holidays		Training Days (no school)		Bank Holidays	
Occasional Days (no school)		Weekends			
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