

4th November 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I write with a number of brief updates from school.

1) Bagels

As you will be aware the school provides a free healthy breakfast bagel for all children who want one. We source the bagels through the educational charity 'Magic Breakfast'.

Unfortunately, without warning this week our deliveries were halved. The charity has now informed us that due to spiralling cost increases this will now be the norm.

Thanks in part to a generous donation from a close friend of the school, we have decided to purchase our own bagels so the service can continue. Therefore, we expect the numbers we can provide our children will return to normal in the near future – hopefully during the course of next week. In the meantime, please be aware that your child may not be able to collect a bagel in the morning and to plan breakfast at home around this fact.

2) School Visits

Twice every year all of our pupils take part in a cost-free educational visit to enrich their learning. However, some additional trips, such as after-school theatre trips do incur a charge. I am keenly aware that there will be times when your child hears of such trips but chooses not to share a desire to attend with you through concerns of how stretched the family budget is. Please encourage your child to tell you whenever they hear about a trip which interests them. If you wish your child to take part in a trip but require the school to cover the costs, please confidentially contact Mrs Reeves or myself through the school's email (enquiry@nsg.kevibham.org), and we can make arrangements.

3) Saturday Clubs

Just a quick reminder that these clubs are back on tomorrow following the half-term break. In addition, a new Garden Club will be starting on Saturdays from 19th November.

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4) New break and lunch arrangements

Our impression is that the changes we have made since half-term around break and lunch are an improvement in terms of queueing time for the canteen and small canteen. Hopefully your child reports the same experience.

5) Attendance Competition

As a way of recognising excellent attendance and of encouraging even better attendance we will be trialling an Attendance Draw, ahead of a larger Christmas Prize Draw in December. Every pupil who attends every day from Monday 7th November to Friday 18th November will be entered for a prize draw. A prize will then be drawn for one 100% attender from each form. The prizes will be for a £20 Amazon Voucher.

6) Design a Christmas Card Competition

Again, we are asking pupils to get creative and design this year's school Christmas card. This card will be sent to local Secondary and Primary schools and other people and organisations the school work with. All entries will receive recognition with a special prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Cards will be also entered into the Local MP's Christmas Card Competition. Deadline is Friday, 11th November.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher