



### Diary Dates

<b>Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Mr Churchill's Class Collective Worship 9.15am all welcome
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Non-uniform day - no donation required
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup>–Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Autumn Half Term – School Closed
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	School reopens
<b>Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Open Afternoon for prospective parents 2.00-5.00pm
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Bacon/Sausage Butty morning 8.15am
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class
<b>Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Mrs Appleby's Class Collective Worship 9.15am all welcome
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	Whole School at Church 9:30am – families welcome
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Parental Consultation meetings
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Parental Consultation meetings
<b>Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Wreath Making Evening NEW EVENT
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> <b>Family Friday moved to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Phototronics – individual photographs and siblings (including younger siblings who have not yet started school) 8.30am
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Non-uniform day (donations in aid of Christmas Fair)
<b>Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Open Afternoon for prospective parents 2.00-5.00pm
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reception and Year 1 Nativity - time to be confirmed AM
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reception and Year 1 Nativity - time to be confirmed PM
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15pm. All welcome
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Market 3.30pm
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School Choir Christmas Concert 4.30pm
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Party/Disco – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45pm Y3/4/5/6 6-7pm
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Non-uniform day
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School closes for Christmas break
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Christmas Holidays - School Closed
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	School Closed - PD Day
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	School reopens

### Guest Readers

On Tuesday we welcomed our guest readers into school to visit our classes and share a story. The children loved welcoming their special guest. A huge thank you to those who volunteered to give their time and give our children this wonderful experience.

### Bacon/Sausage Butty Morning – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

This week you will have received a letter in school bags regarding our next social event for families when we return from the half term break. Our Bacon/Sausage Butty morning is always lovely, and we look forward to seeing families there. **Please could we ask that order forms are completed and handed back in by Friday next week** so that we have plenty of time to order our supplies. Thank you 😊

### Stars of the week 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Ms. Lilley's Class – ELM	Izabella K
Miss Defty's Class – OAK	Samuel L
Miss Purves's Class – MAPLE	Betsy F-L
Mrs. Appleby's Class - WILLOW	Lilly T
Mr. Churchill's Class– SYCAMORE	Joshua B
Miss O'Neil's Class - PINE	Riley B
Pupil's Pupil	Millie C / Jack H
Staff member of the week	Miss Defty

### Attendance week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

<b>Reception</b>	90
<b>Year 1</b>	95.65
<b>Year 2</b>	98.82
<b>Year 3</b>	96.47
<b>Year 4</b>	97.37
<b>Year 5</b>	95
<b>Year 6</b>	90

### Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday will be our last day of term and will be a non-uniform day. No donations are required for school funds that day 😊

### Christmas 2023 .....

It's that time of year again where Miss Ali starts to think about the run up to Christmas and the lovely events we have planned in for the children and families. Our Christmas pack will follow next half term with all our dates, further details and booking information. For the moment, if you have any items you think would be suitable for a tombola or raffle, could they please be put to one side for us, or bring them into school straight away if you would prefer to do that now 😊 We truly appreciate your support.

We also have had an amazing offer from one of our Mams, who is a florist, to run a Christmas Wreath making evening for families! We are sure you will agree this sounds amazing and something we have never offered before, so we are really excited. More information will follow on this next week so we can gauge interest and start to make plans 😊

### Cinema Evening

On Wednesday evening we all had a fabulous time watching the Super Mario Bros. Movie in the school hall 😊 It was a great turn out and a 'super' film.





## New Autumn Winter Menu – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Chartwells, our school meal provider, will be launching their exciting new Autumn/Winter menu after the half term holiday. Full of hearty, flavoursome recipes that have been lovingly created by a team of chefs and nutritionists, these dishes are packed with all the things children need to grow strong and healthy. Plus, they have been given the thumbs up by children so are really tasty too.

### **School Meals FAQ**

#### **What is included in a school meal?**

Every day, you can be assured that a school meal will offer:

- At least two portions of fruit and vegetables
- Dairy food items rich in calcium for strong bones and teeth
- Starchy carbohydrates to provide energy
- A protein source to support the body's growth and repair.

#### **Can a cold lunch be provided instead of a hot meal?**

Absolutely! Our cold lunches are made fresh each day and are designed to be both tasty and nutritious, ensuring that children enjoy a balanced and satisfying meal.

#### **How do I order and pay for school meals?**

All children in the UK in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are entitled to a delicious hot or cold meal for FREE. From Year 3 (KS2), your child may still be eligible for free school meals, simply visit [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) to check, or contact the school office for a form. If your child is in KS2 and above, then ParentPay will allow you to pay for meals online.

#### **What if my child has an allergy or special diet?**

Our primary objective is to keep our pupils - your children – safe every day when enjoying their school meals. We take allergies very seriously and, supported by our robust Medical Diet Policy, we've taken every step to ensure that as many children as possible living with food allergies and intolerance can eat safely at school with their friends. To find out more please email: [chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk)



**DELICIOUS  
NEW DISHES  
LAUNCH AFTER  
HALF TERM**

We're delighted to tell you that your new autumn menu will be served after half term. Full of hearty, flavoursome recipes that have been lovingly created by our chefs and nutritionists, these dishes are packed with all the things children need to grow strong and healthy. Plus they are really tasty too!



**IS YOUR CHILD  
ENTITLED TO A  
FREE SCHOOL  
MEAL?**

**ALL CHILDREN CAN ENJOY  
A FREE SCHOOL MEAL IN  
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND  
YEAR 2 - SAVING YOU  
UP TO £457 A YEAR!**

Children in Years 3 – 6 may also be able to enjoy free school meals.

Contact your school office today to sign up.



# Easington Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



May we give them the roots to grow and the wings to fly

### Lunch Menu Week 1

Winter 2023/2024 - Week Commencing: 6/11, 27/11, 18/12, 15/1, 5/2, 4/3, 25/3



So much more than school food



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce with Wholemeal Pasta V 🌿 🍷	All Day Bacon Breakfast with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges	Roast Pork with Yorkshire Pudding, New Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍷 🌿	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes
Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges V	All Day Vegetarian Sausage Breakfast with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges V	Stir-Fried Vegetable Rice V 🌿 🍷	Cheese and Onion Pasty with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy V	Vegetarian Dippers with Chipped Potatoes V
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings 🐟	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Freshly Prepared Salad Served Daily 🍷				
Broccoli Sweetcorn 🍷	Baked Beans Carrots 🍷	Carrots Peas 🍷	Sweetcorn Green Beans 🍷	Baked Beans Peas 🍷
Lemon Sponge with Custard	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit Slices 🍏	Flapjack with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍏	Rice Pudding

Available Daily

WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT AND FRESH FRUIT

# New Autumn Winter Menu

### Lunch Menu Week 2

Winter 2023/2024 - Week Commencing: 13/11, 4/12, 1/1, 22/1, 12/2, 11/3



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta 🌿 V 🍷	Chicken Tikka Masala with Wholegrain Rice 🍷 🌿	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Minced Beef Pie with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Goujons with Chipped Potatoes
Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges 🌿 V	Tomato Pasta 🌿 V	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🍷 V	Macaroni Cheese 🌿 V	Vegetarian Dippers with Chipped Potatoes V
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Freshly Prepared Salad Served Daily 🍷				
Baked Beans Sweetcorn 🍷	Broccoli Carrots 🍷	Cabbage Carrots 🍷	Sweetcorn Broccoli 🍷	Baked Beans Peas 🍷
Orange Drizzle Cake with Custard	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit with Fruit 🍏	Flapjack with Fruit Slices 🍏

### Lunch Menu Week 3

Winter 2023/2024 - Week Commencing: 20/11, 11/12, 8/1, 29/1, 26/2, 18/3



So much more than school food



🌿 Grain 🍏 Fruity 🍷 Nutritionist's choice

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🍷 V	Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta 🍷 🌿	Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding, New Potatoes and Gravy	Minced Beef Cobbler with Mashed Potatoes	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes
Macaroni Cheese 🌿 V	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges V	Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding, New Potatoes and Gravy V	Tomato Pasta 🌿 V	Mexican Taco Pots with Wholemeal Rice 🍷 🌿 V
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Freshly Prepared Salad Served Daily 🍷				
Green Beans Carrots 🍷	Sweetcorn Broccoli 🍷	Carrots Cabbage 🍷	Green Beans Sweetcorn 🍷	Baked Beans Peas 🍷
Oat Biscuit with Fruit Slices 🍏	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Vanilla Cake with Custard	Feathered Jam Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit Slices 🍏

Available Daily

WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT AND FRESH FRUIT

V Vegetarian 🐟 Oily fish 🌿 Wholegrain 🍏 Fruity 🍷 Nutritionist's choice



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**SONGS OF PRAISE**

The Parishes of  
 Easington Colliery  
 Easington Village  
 Hawthorn

Warmly invite you to join us for our Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 22nd October 2023  
 4pm

At The Church of The Ascension Seaside Lane  
 Easington Colliery SR8 3PL

Do please join us afterwards in the church hall for light refreshments.



Family Hubs provide support to families from pregnancy to the age of 19, or 25 if your child has special educational needs and/or disability (SEND).

Our Start for Life offer covers everything you need during pregnancy, right up until your child turns two. This includes support and groups to help you:

- During pregnancy and after your baby is born (antenatal and postnatal)
- With feeding your baby – from support with breastfeeding, to weaning and eating healthily as a family
- Understand your child's wants and needs and how to support their development
- Get your child ready to start school or nursery

We don't stop at the age of two, we offer support as your child grows, through puberty and into adulthood. This includes information, online programmes and groups to help with:

- Understanding your child/teenager's behaviour
- Your child's wellbeing, both for you and your child
- Supporting your child with additional needs
- Your relationship and your family relationship
- Your child's health



We can also provide advice and support around:

- Domestic abuse
- Debt and access to financial support
- Housing
- Stopping smoking
- Help with childcare costs
- Emotional wellbeing
- Healthy eating
- Drug and alcohol support
- Employment and training

Ask us about our sensory rooms

Everyone is welcome, why not drop in and see what's on offer?

There are 15 family hubs right across the county:

<b>Bishop Auckland</b> Walker Drive Bishop Auckland DL14 6QL 03000 266 390	<b>Easington</b> Whickham Street Easington Colliery SR8 3DJ 03000 268 486	<b>Seaham</b> North Terrace Seaham SR7 7EU 03000 267 470
<b>Brandon</b> Carr Avenue Brandon DH7 8NL 03000 269 820	<b>Ferryhill</b> Beaumont Street Ferryhill DL17 8PH 03000 269 021	<b>Stanley</b> Clifford Road Stanley DH9 0AB 03000 266 150
<b>Chester-le-Street</b> Gray Avenue Chester-le-Street DH2 2EL 03000 268 643	<b>Horden</b> Ocean View Horden SR8 4EQ 03000 264 973	<b>Tudhoe</b> Tudhoe Moor Spennymoor DL16 6EX 03000 267 488
<b>Consett</b> Chester Road Moorside DH8 8EQ 03000 268 634	<b>Newton Aycliffe</b> Stephenson Way Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DD 03000 263 666	<b>Wheatley Hill</b> Jack Lawson Terrace Wheatley Hill DH6 3RT 03000 269 850
<b>Durham</b> The Woodlands Gilesgate DH1 2EY 03000 269 833	<b>Peterlee</b> Ellison Road Peterlee SR8 5NJ 03000 266 391	<b>Willington</b> Chapel Street Willington DL15 0EQ 03000 268 445

www.durham.gov.uk/HelpForFamilies  
 www.facebook.com/CountyDurhamFamilyHubs

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BARCLAYS WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
 DURHAM v BLACKBURN  
 SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER  
 12PM KICK OFF  
 MAIDEN CASTLE - DH1 3SE