

**Friday, 16th October
2020.**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are hoping from Monday to have a system of remote learning in place should any pupils or 'Bubble' be asked to stay away from school due to either a positive COVID test or some form of self-isolating.

We will be using a system called Google classroom and the pupils will log into it with their class teacher next week. (For this system to work remotely, all pupils must log on to the system initially whilst on the school site.) Teachers will then upload some of the lessons which your child would have experienced had they been at school which will enable your child to continue with their learning if they are unable to come to school.

Whilst we all hope that very few pupils will need to access this in the coming months it is always good to be prepared. In fact there is an expectation from national government that this kind of arrangement should be in place across all schools.

The website to access this is <https://edu.google.com/products/classroom> It can also be found in the app store and through Google Chrome.



Google Classroom

Your child's log in details will be sent home to you next week. The work on here can be completed through the app/ site so that the need for printing materials is removed.

It is worth noting a few things linked to this. Firstly if a child is off school because they are unwell then of course there is no expectation for the work to be completed. The priority in such cases is to rest and to try to get better. And secondly, thinking back to the Spring time when the school was closed to the majority of pupils and work was being sent home, some of you commented that the work was causing significant anxiety to your child. Of course we do not want this to be the case, and should that happen again, please do let the class teacher know and different arrangements can be agreed.

On 24th November, there will be an opportunity for your child to receive an anti-flu immunisation. Whether your child participates in this is entirely your decision as parents. Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust will be administering this and they will write to all parents closer to the time giving further details and finding out whether you want your child to take part.

We have decided to allow the pupils to come into school in non-uniform next half term, and we will review plans for January closer to the time. If you want to discuss this please do contact us.

Finally, as you know next week are the Zoom/phone Parent/Carer/Staff consultation meetings. In view of these meetings, teachers will not be contacting you next Friday with their usual end of week communication.

Have a good weekend,

Danielle Harry

Mercury

This week we have been looking at onomatopoeia in English and have created our own comic strips which includes onomatopoeia. In Maths we have been marvellous mathematicians and improving on our 3 and 4 times tables. In Science we have been looking at different shadows and testing which materials create different types of shadows. In Topic we have looked at how spacemen brush their teeth. For outdoor learning we had a session focused on mental health where we drank hot chocolate in a circle and spoke to each other which the class really engaged in.

Saturn

We had a fantastic start to our week on Monday by first having hot chocolate and a chat in outdoor learning. After morning break, we went for a walk around Staplefield village. It was amazing to see how much the boys enjoyed this and we hope it's something we can continue to do regularly! We certainly built up our appetites in time for lunch!

We started learning about 2d shape this week. We were fantastic shape finders! We also made some fabulous shape picture creations. In English, we sequenced a story and wrote captions for the pictures. We have continued our work on colourful semantics which is helping us to build sentences. In science we were smashing scientists and searched the classroom for opaque, translucent and transparent objects. One of our activities this week was sewing, we all enjoyed having a go at sewing our own dinosaur toy.

Pluto:

This week Pluto have been learning about punctuating sentences and sequencing stories in English. We remain on track to get our blue belts in Kung Fu punctuation. We have been using our acting skills to bring punctuation to life through reenactment of epic Star Wars scenes. In Maths we have been learning to multiply and divide through playing Buzz and Space Race as well as producing some excellent work in our books.

In science we have discovered how shadows are created and discovered the affect of sustained UV light on coloured cardboard. We have learnt how to navigate the world using our atlas skills and have learnt some interesting facts about various places.

All of Pluto have shown some outstanding behaviours this week and will be awarded certificates for making such positive progress. A fun and enjoyable week, well done boys!



Titan

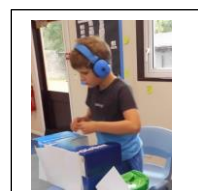
In Titan this week we have focused on using formal written methods for multiplication and division, like column multiplication and bus stop method for division, which the children have found challenging. In English we have written instructions on how to look after our pet character that the boys created a few weeks back. On Monday, as part of Mental Health day, we went for a walk in Staplefield (as walks on nature are meant to help with Mental Health). The children enjoyed this very much, although a few complained about it being too long (it only took us about an hour!). The children experienced apple picking, as one of the farms that we walked past, allowed us to go in and pick some apples. It was a real treat for the children.

In Science we looked at predicting, and finding, different time zones for some chosen countries, which proved not to be easy!



Neptune

We have been busy in Neptune this week. In English, we have been researching what life is like in the international space station (ISS). The boys made helmets and imagined what it would be like to experience a launch into space. We went on a short walk on Monday and the boys used these helmets to imagine a journey into space. There was some lovely imaginative story telling going on - there was talk about finding alien spores, acid rain falling on us and finding pockets of oxygen so we could take the helmets off. We also looked at how astronauts, brush their teeth, wash their hair and eat and drink whilst experiencing zero gravity. They wrote instructions on how to brush teeth in space for future astronauts to use. In Geography, we have been exploring the different biomes around the world and the boys made a diorama of their chosen biome, there was some great team work going on. In maths, the boys have been using column addition using numbers up to five digits - lots of focussed work going on. We have been continuing to work on our Scratch programming and some boys have managed to launch their space ship and manipulate it around asteroids!



Mars

Mars have been busy again this week. We have been learning column subtraction which some of us found a bit tricky but we played lots of fun games to help us to learn and all made good progress. In English, we have been learning about metaphors and comparing them to similes. In science we have continued our investigation into electricity and we created our own torches which we added switches to. We really enjoyed this and next week we will make vegetable batteries. In art we created wonderful collages in the style of the artist Karen Rose using paper that we marbled last week, they look great on the classroom wall.

On Tuesday, we went for a discovery walk to Tilgate Park. We pretended that we were aliens landing on a strange new planet to document life. We took lots of pictures and created word banks to describe what we found and to use to inspire our writing back in class.



Galaxy:

A fabulous positive week for Galaxy this week. We have witnessed some excellent social skills, tolerance and good choices when interacting with their peers. At fishing, we broke our record by pulling out a monster 12lb common carp which hardly fit in the net. We have been painting with bananas, exploring how forces effect us and how energy transfers when we use the swing. One pupil visited a different local park which he thoroughly enjoyed and used all the equipment safely, growing in confidence as his visit progressed. A really good week. Well done Galaxy.

Awards of the week

Saturn		Mercury	
Being Kind award	Freddy, Callum, Aaron	Being Kind award	Riley-John
Being respectful award	Toby, Freddy	Being respectful award	Charlie
Being your best award	Callum, Freddie, Freddy	Being your best award	Floyd
Pluto		Mars	
Being Kind award	-	Being Kind award	Samuel
Being respectful award	Harry	Being respectful award	Harry
Being your best award	Reagan, Danny	Being your best award	Jamie
Neptune		Titan	
Being Kind award	Ronnie, Tyler	Being Kind award	Daniel
Being respectful award	-	Being respectful award	Daniel
Being your best award	Ewan, Theo, Ronnie, Tyler, Rhys, Jacob, Noah	Being your best award	Danny, Daniel
Galaxy			
Being Kind award	Theo, Aaron		
Being respectful award	Riley		
Being your best award	Ryan		

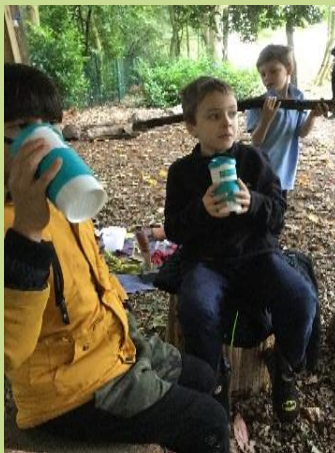
Outdoor Learning

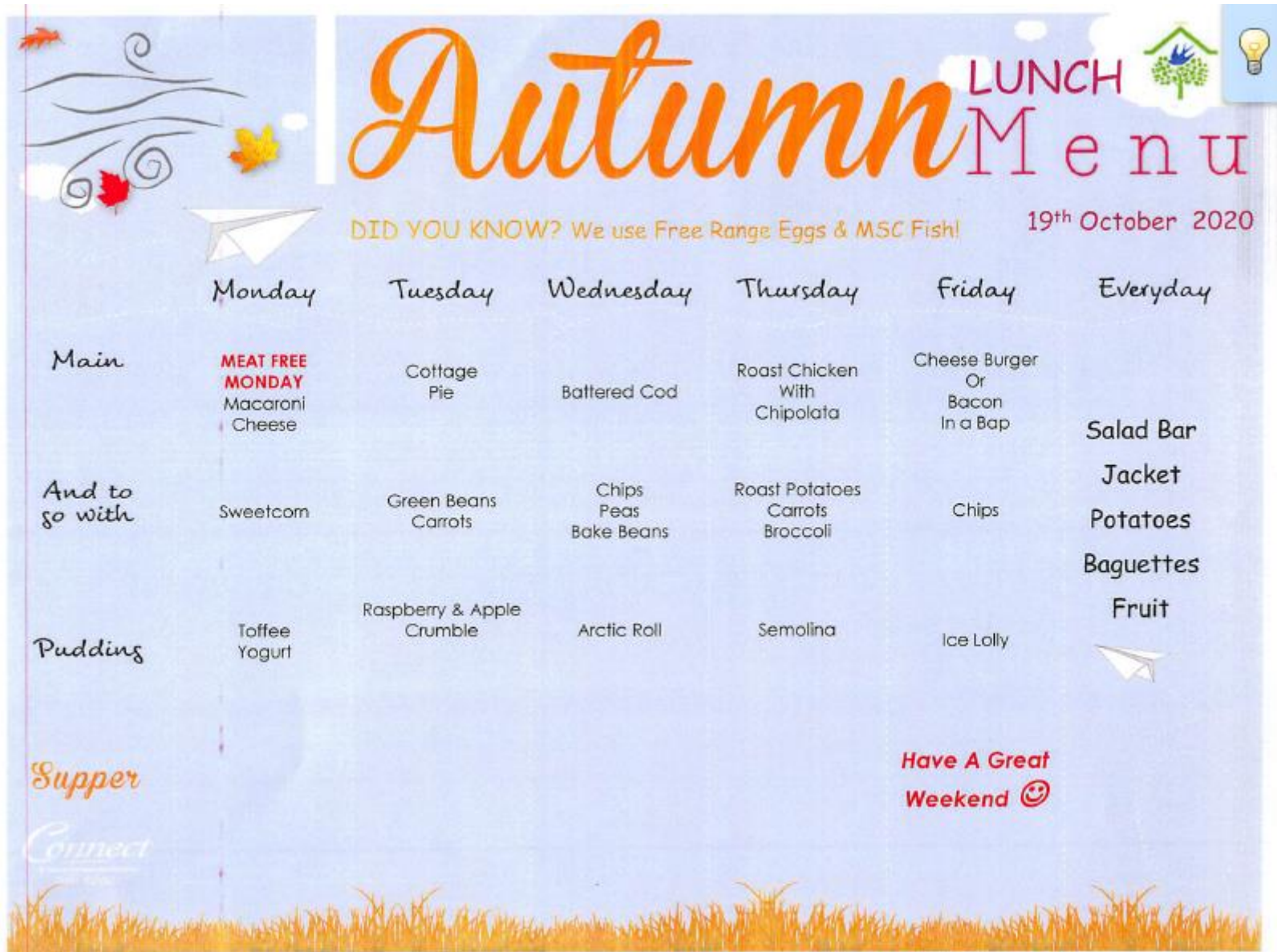
This week we have been celebrating World Mental Health Day with time in the outdoor learning area with hot chocolate and a chat.

How can nature benefit my mental health? - 'MIND'

Spending time in green space can benefit both your mental and physical wellbeing. It can:

- improve your mood
- reduce feelings of stress or anger
- help you take time out and feel more relaxed
- improve your physical health
- improve your confidence and self-esteem
- help you be more active
- help you make new connections
- provide peer support.





Autumn LUNCH Menu

DID YOU KNOW? We use Free Range Eggs & MSC Fish! 19th October 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Everyday
Main	MEAT FREE MONDAY Macaroni Cheese	Cottage Pie	Battered Cod	Roast Chicken With Chipolata	Cheese Burger Or Bacon In a Bap	Salad Bar Jacket Potatoes Baguettes Fruit
And to go with	Sweetcorn	Green Beans Carrots	Chips Peas Bake Beans	Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli	Chips	
Pudding	Toffee Yogurt	Raspberry & Apple Crumble	Arctic Roll	Semolina	Ice Lolly	

Supper

Connect

Have A Great Weekend 😊