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Blenheim Weekly

A very warm welcome back to you all, especially to our new parents joining the Blenheim community.

It has been such a pleasure to see how much the children have grown over the summer and we have been so impressed with how well everyone is settling into their new classes.

In order to help us feel **ready** for the year ahead, **respectful** in all of our interactions and keep every member of our community **safe**, this newsletter includes a range of helpful tips, updates and reminders as we start the new academic year.

Here's to a great year ahead!

Contacting teachers

At Blenheim Primary School, we believe that positive relationships between home and school are vital for children to thrive. Positive and effective communication is a great place to start.

If you have a message about appointments or absence or questions about medication, please contact the school office.

If you have any worries or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher directly. Class Dojo is not intended for raising concerns or issues, particularly where a conversation may be needed. If you have a concern or a question about your child's progress or experience in school, we strongly encourage you to speak directly to their teacher where possible (for example, at the end of the day or by requesting a phone call). This is usually the most effective way to resolve issues.

Our Home-School Communication Guidance can be found here and outlines the different ways of communicating, including FAQs.

Learning in Harmony Trust

visit our website!

Bikes and scooters on site

In order to keep everyone in our community safe, bikes and scooters should be walked (and not ridden) when entering our school site. If children are keeping these in schools, they should be walked over and stored in the bike shed for safe-keeping throughout the school day.

Also, please be reminded that dogs (apart from guide/ support dogs) are not permitted on the school grounds.

Medications

Please ensure that medications, including asthma pumps and autoinjectors, are sent back into school and that use-by dates have been checked so that they can be replaced if needed.

Watches

Please be reminded that children should only wear a standard watch to school that is used solely for telling the time. Watches with additional features, such as cameras, internet access, messaging, games, or other smart functions, are not permitted. This is to support children's safety, privacy and readiness during the school day.

Attention Aids and fidgets

To ensure that attention aids and fidget tools are used effectively and appropriately in the classroom, these should only be brought into school where they have been identified as a specific support within a child's individual support plan. Any use of such items should be agreed in advance with your child's class teacher and SENCO, so that the appropriate resources can be identified and used consistently to support all children's learning and engagement.

Pencil cases and stationery

To help keep our classrooms organised and ensure that all children have access to the equipment they need, there is no need for children to bring their own pencil cases or stationery into school. We provide all the equipment and resources needed for learning. We kindly ask parents and carers to leave personal stationery at home so that children can focus on their learning without unnecessary distractions or additional items to manage.

Pupil Collection Arrangements and Safeguarding

To help us maintain the highest standards of safeguarding, we would like to remind families of our arrangements for collecting children from school.

- Children should only be collected by a named contact on the school's approved collection list, unless a parent/carer has informed the school at drop-off that their child will be going home with a friend, for example for tea.
- Children at Blenheim must not be collected or walked home by a younger sibling or child without an adult present. For example, a Year 6 child cannot collect and walk home with a younger sibling, even if this has been requested by a parent/carer.
- A child or sibling under the age of 14 cannot collect a child from Blenheim, either at the end of the school day or for an appointment, even with parental permission.
- A sibling or child aged 14 or over may collect a child only if they are included as a named contact on the school's approved collection list.

These arrangements are in place to support the safety and wellbeing of all our children and are in line with safeguarding guidance from the NSPCC.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us ensure that collection arrangements remain safe and consistent for everyone.

Allergy aware

As we are an allergy aware school, please remember that there should be no nuts, eggs or chocolate spread in lunches. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a snack and children in KS2 can bring their own snack into school.

In order to keep all of our children safe, we ask that these snacks are fruits or vegetables only. Any tomatoes or grapes should be cut in half.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Summer Term 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Tomato & Pepperoni pasta Tomato pasta Garlic bread Sweetcorn Peas Ice cream roll	Beef taco Veggie taco Savoury rice Cucumber Coleslaw Carrot cake	Roast chicken Quorn roast Yorkshire pudding Roast potatoes Cauliflower Carrots Fruit jelly	Cheese & tomato pizza wrap Baby new potatoes Mixed vegetables Salad Fresh fruit	Sausage roll Vegan roll Chips Baked beans Peas Banana oat cookie
WEEK 2	Sausages Veggie sausages Mashed potato Onion gravy Peas Carrots Fruit smoothie	Chicken & veg curry Vegetable curry Rice Mixed vegetables Chocolate brownie	Grab a picnic bag: Cheese/tuna/ham roll Crisps Biscuit/cake Fruit	Tuna, mackerel & sweetcorn pasta bake Quorn & sweetcorn pasta bake Garlic bread Vegetable sticks Fresh fruit	Beef burger Veggie burger Chips Beans Salad Cherry & apple flapjack
WEEK 3	Chicken nuggets Veggie nuggets Baby new potatoes Sweetcorn Baked beans Ice cream & fruit	Beef & mixed bean chilli Veggie chilli Rice Vegetable medley Banana loaf cake	Roast gammon Roast Quorn Yorkshire pudding Roast potatoes Carrots Peas Fruit jelly	Butternut squash macaroni cheese Garlic bread Mixed salad Fresh fruit	Fish fingers Veggie fingers Chips Baked beans Mushy peas Lemon muffins

Jacket potatoes are available daily, along with selection of fresh fruit and salad

For allergy/dietary queries, please email info@blenheim.lihtrust.uk or scan the QR code

Menu subject to change based upon product availability

Week 1: 31/08, 21/09, 12/10 Week 2: 07/09, 28/09 Week 3: 14/09, 05/10