



## November 2023 Newsletter & Reminders

### Healthy Breakfast

As we settle into the new term, we would like to remind you of the importance of ensuring that your child starts their day with a healthy breakfast. A nutritious breakfast provides the fuel necessary for your child's concentration and learning throughout the school day. To give you some ideas, here are a few examples of healthy breakfast options:

1. Wholegrain cereals with low-fat milk or yoghurt and fresh fruits.
2. Toast or crumpets with low-sugar spreads, such as peanut butter or marmite
3. Porridge (maybe topped with berries or sliced banana).
4. Scrambled eggs or omelette with toast.
5. Greek yoghurt with honey and mixed fruits/nuts.

We kindly ask that you ensure your child has had a balanced breakfast before coming to school. This will help them to have the energy and focus needed to participate fully in the day's activities.

### Dates for the Diary



13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day – children invited to wear odd socks to school
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert (times to be confirmed)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Class Parties
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Start of Term 3



## Punctuality & Attendance

Article 28: Every child has a right to an education.



Regular attendance is vital for your child's academic progress and social development. Attending school every day ensures that they have access to the full range of learning experiences and opportunities, enabling them to thrive and reach their full potential.

Our school gates are open from **8:40am – 8:50am**, please ensure children arrive at school **before 8:50am**.

Children need to be in class ready for registration at 8:50am. A late arrival can mean an unsettled start for your child and disrupted learning for the rest of the class.



## Class Dojo



For families with children in Year 1 to Year 5 Class Dojo has now replaced the Seesaw as a way to communicate with parents/carers. If you have not yet given consent for your child to be included, or if you would like more information, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office via email.

## Odd Sock Day

To celebrate that we are all unique, children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.



## Volunteer Opportunities at the School

We greatly value the support and involvement of our parents and carers in our school community. If any of you are interested in volunteering at the school, whether it's helping with reading sessions, assisting in the library, or getting involved in school events, please pop in and speak to Becky in the office.





## Pupil Premium – Free School Meals

If you are experiencing any changes in your circumstances that may make your child eligible for 'pupil premium' we encourage you to apply. The pupil premium (sometimes called Free School Meals) provides additional funding to the school, enabling us to provide more to our pupils. Pupil Premium is not a personal budget for individual children. At MPET we aim to use the majority of our Pupil Premium funding towards offering pupils high quality teaching (as recommended by the DfE). Currently we are hoping to use Pupil Premium funding to enable us to recruit additional staff who can work in school to offer support pupils and run interventions.

Please take a moment to see if you are entitled to apply for this additional funding, this can be done via the following link:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## Help for families in BANES

Help is out there if you need it; here are some local sources of help:



**Community Wellbeing Hub**  
Bath and North East Somerset

<https://communitywellbeinghub.co.uk>

Call the hub on: 0300 247 0050



**BANES FOOD FINDER**

<https://www.banesfoodfinder.org.uk>



**Share and Repair**

<https://shareandrepair.org.uk>



**Bath & North East Somerset**

<https://www.citizensadvicebanes.org.uk>

Call on 0808 2787879





## General reminders

- **School Office** - The school office is not staffed on a Wednesday afternoon. If you urgently need to contact school at this time please ensure you leave a voice mail as the answer phone will be checked at the end of the day.
- **Lost Property** – The lost property box is located at the back of the school and is kept on the bench near the doors where Year 3 and Year 4 enter/exit. It is currently overflowing with items of unnamed clothing. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please take a moment to look through the box one day at drop off/pick up.
- **Coats** -As we all know, British weather is very unpredictable and can change so quickly. With this in mind please remind your child to bring a suitable coat to school each day.



### Our Packed Lunch Charter



Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

Yes, please include in your lunchbox... 	No thank you, please keep these items at home... 
<p>1 portion of...</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">water</p> <p>starchy food</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">food</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">sliced meat or egg or meat alternatives</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">or pulses</p> <p>At least 1 portion of...</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">fruit and/or vegetables</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">               biscuits         </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               crisps         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               pastry items         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               nuts         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               chocolate         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               cakes         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               processed items         </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">               fizzy drinks squash or flavoured drinks         </div>





## New Website – watch this space!

All of our Educate Together schools will soon be getting new websites. Our CEO, the Headteachers and members from our central team are working with the design company on initial pages; here are a few photos that may appear on the new site ...



## Arbor – image consent



We would love to share more photos with you of school life but we are only able to share images of children if parents have consented.

Thank you to all families who have updated image consent on Arbor (there are several for the different ways photos can be shared eg on websites, in newsletters etc.) If you have not yet done so, please take a few moments to look at the Parent Consent section on Arbor; here you need to select if you “consent” or “decline”.

