

Dear Parents,

We can't believe we have come to the end of this term.

It was so lovely seeing all the children in their Christmas jumpers too. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves with their class parties and Christmas lunch. They were also thrilled to see Santa drop by their classes with goodies for each of them.

Please see below important reminders for the Spring Term.

December Newsletter 2021 - Please see attached newsletter.

School Office Changes and Procedures

As you are already aware we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Avtar, who will be leaving us at the end of this term to go onto pastures new.

We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication in the school office.

She will be missed by all the children, staff and parents and we wish her all the very best for the future!

We are delighted to welcome Ms Humphry, our new Administrative Assistant, to Edison Primary School. Ms Humphry will be available from 8.30am

to 4.30pm, and will be responsible for our front of house service, including attendance, meals and admissions.

This means that our school office will close at 4.30pm. If you are picking up your child from After School Club, please use the bell at the gate on the right hand side of the school, and either Mrs Kassam or Mrs Mahal will bring them to meet you.

Please be patient while Ms Humphry gets to know our children and parents, and learn our various systems. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our office procedures as follows:

School Lunches

We would like to inform you that as from **Wednesday 5th January 2022** there will be a new lunch menu.

We apologise that this has been changed so soon in the year, but unfortunately the catering suppliers have incurred problems delivering the meal choices that were an option on the present menu.

There will no longer be an alternative choice, so please only choose the vegetarian or meat option when booking your child's lunch in scopay. Kindly refer to the new menu when booking your choices.

Please see the below message from our caterers Wilson Jones.

[A message from Wilson Jones Catering - Change to Winter/Summer Menu 2022](#)

We are experiencing considerable supply chain issues which as you will have heard in the News has been a continuing problem Nationwide for several months now. To minimise the continued risk of incomplete/short deliveries and the resultant disappointment within schools for incomplete menu offerings, we have decided to change our current menu from the new year which will run until the next change in October. The decision to change menu has not been taken lightly, but also in the context of considerable negative feedback we have received on some of the dishes in the recent menu release from October 2021.

I attach the new menu which has been collated following lengthy discussions with our suppliers as to guaranteed supply products and also following consultation with several of our long standing Unit Managers.

I very much hope you will be pleased with the attached menu and can confirm that Jacket Potatoes will continue to be served as an alternative option each day.

Regards Wilson Jones Caterers

Please see the attached menu which will be in effect from Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Week 1.

Could we kindly ask you to book your child's lunches for the first week back, this should be done no later than **Wednesday 29th December 2021**.

Please note that if your child is in Years 3,4 and 5 and usually bring in a packed lunch, please ensure you book this into Scopay too so that we are aware and are not charged for a school meal.

Flu Vaccinations Catch Up Clinic

Please see attached document from the Immunisation Team in Hounslow.

New Reception Class Applications - September 2022/23

Could we please remind you that the deadline to complete any new Reception Class applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.

Please see attached information.

Club/Dinner Payments

Could we kindly request you to top up your child's dinner accounts if you pay for them.

Also please kindly clear any outstanding balances on Scopay for any clubs they are attending and ensure that these accounts are topped up ready for the new year.

COVID-19 Update

As you may already be aware the Government recently announced the re-introduction of mandatory face covering in shops and on public transport.

This is due to the growing concern about the rise in cases of the new COVID -19 variant Omicron.

We have since updated our risk assessment and would like to implement the following, to help prevent the spread any further, we **highly recommend** that

- All parents and carers should wear face masks whilst onsite, when dropping and picking up their child/children from school.
- Where possible can we request that only one parent to drop and pick up their child/children.
- Mass gatherings at the school will not take place at present.
- Please continue to maintain a safe distance in overcrowded areas and swiftly leave the school site.
- Remote meetings will continue via zoom for parents that would like to speak to the class teacher. Alternatively contact the class teacher via Seesaw.
- Parents and carers should limit their visit to the school office. Please kindly email or call the office with any queries or concerns.

Please see the below government guidance that as been updated recently in light of this new COVID-19 variant.

Get tested and self-isolate if required

If you or you child develop symptoms or test positive

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test, even if your symptoms are mild. This is because many people experience mild symptoms from COVID-19, but may still pass on the virus to others.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

You should self-isolate at home while you get a PCR test and wait for the results. You must self-isolate if you test positive. You must self-isolate from the day your symptoms started and the next 10 full days, or from the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms and the next 10 full days. This is the law, regardless of whether you have been vaccinated. Self-isolating is important because you could pass the infection on to others, even if you do not have symptoms. You must stay at home for the full amount of time you are told to, because this is the period when the virus is most likely to be passed on to others.

If you are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

You must also self-isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

Self-isolation exemptions

In most cases, you're not required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated
- you're below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However, if you live in the same household as someone with a suspected or confirmed case of the **Omicron variant**, or are a close contact of someone with a suspected or confirmed case of the **Omicron variant**, you will be required to self-isolate regardless of your age or vaccination status. NHS Test and Trace will contact you if this is the case.

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you're not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, you will be advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test if you have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless you develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

You can find further guidance for household contacts and guidance for non-household contacts of people with confirmed COVID-19 infections.

Let's all work together to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 any further. Please see attached COVID 19 Testing Guidance.

Please continue to keep your families and friends safe.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Doka

Please find attached this week's hot chocolate picture with the children from Reception to Year 5.

Picture News

Please find attached Picture News to share at home with your child.

Edison Twitter Account

Do follow us @Edison_Primary for regular updates and information.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please continue to stay safe!

Edison Team