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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Welcome to Newstead Academy!**

It has been my pleasure to welcome all of the children to the first official week of Newstead Academy; and what a week it has been!

The children have blown us away with how quickly they have settled and we have started to see some really lovely friendships starting to develop. Children are engaging well with the activities and with our adults.

I would like to introduce you to our incredible team who I have the pleasure to be working alongside: Vic Woodward, Craig Tetley and Robyn Dickinson are our class teachers; Theresa DeBeer is our HLTA and Lauren G, Liam, Bonnie, Becky, Ebony and Steve are our amazing team of teaching assistants.

Tina Heaton, who is our office manager, has sent information out today via email regarding school dinners so please have a look for this as you will need this to be able to order dinners for your child on Monday if they are having school meals. A menu is also included with this correspondence.

Tina will also be sending information about an app called MCaS (My Child at School) this is the app which will be used for payments for school dinners and any trips or other resources/activities. We will not be able to set you up as users until we have all of the information on the school system which is unfortunately taking longer than we had anticipated, with us being a brand new establishment; as soon as we have it fully set up will send you your personalised user details. In the meantime any payments would need to be made via bank transfer.

Your child should have brought home their home-school record book today, this will be used as a communication record between home and school. We will also be using something called Tapestry which I am in the process of setting up for all pupils, as soon as I have further information about how to set this up for use at home I will send this out for you.

Could we please ask that you follow the below link and complete the information to ensure that your child is receiving all of the funding which they are entitled to in school, this will include things like free school meal funding and pupil premium funding which would allow for money to be contributed by school for trips and activities, once our systems are fully online we will also send it out electronically for you but there is also a QR code attached below which you can follow as well. [https://barnsley-online.victoriaforms.com/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20\(1.1\).wdf](https://barnsley-online.victoriaforms.com/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20(1.1).wdf)

Over the next couple of weeks one of our teachers will be making contact via phone to give a quick update about how your child has settled – please contact the office to let them know if there are dates or times which would not be suitable.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries or questions using the contact details at the top of the letter.

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Norton  
Head of School

Week 2 Dinner Menu – This is the menu we have been given, we have been told it should be correct even though it says Summer term rather than Autumn.

## Summer Term (week 2)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita pizza with Herbed potatoes (v)	Chicken curry with rice and naan bread	Roast pork with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken nuggets with a cheesy half jacket potato	Fish Butty with chips
Jacket potato with hot and cold fillings	Jacket potato with hot and cold fillings	Cheese or ham sandwich	Jacket potato with hot and cold fillings	Jacket potato with hot and cold fillings
Cucumber and coleslaw	Cauliflower and carrot sticks	Broccoli florets and carrot and swede	Sweetcorn and baked beans	Mushy/garden peas and beetroot
Cookie	Apple cake	Cooks dessert of the day	Strawberry sponge and custard	Fruity Friday
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Yoghurt	Yoghurt	Yoghurt	Yoghurt	Fruit jelly

**Weeks Commencing:**  
24th April / 15th May / 5th June  
/ 26th June / 17th July / 11th Sept

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables.  
Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit.  
Bread basket. V indicates vegetarian option.

QR code for the link mentioned in the newsletter:

