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# Newsletter

I hope that you are all keeping well and safe.

Thank you to all those children and families that have begun to access Seesaw - the interest and engagement has been lovely to see. Please do try and log in if you have not tried as yet and if you have any problems do not hesitate to contact us here at school. Your child's homework will now be set on Seesaw towards the end of every week. Please see an update from Miss McGrath below regarding the use of this learning platform.

We are now in a further lockdown until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December so just a gentle reminder about keeping your distance from others at drop-off and pick-up times and also if you are accessing the park adjacent to school at the end of the school day.

Please see the latest updated guidance at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

Due to Covid-19 and the potential risk of transmission through airborne particles, we are still trying to keep rooms as well ventilated as possible.

As the weather becomes increasingly colder, we are aware that it may be more comfortable and practical for children to be able to wear additional layers in the classroom.

We would ask that all children have a navy-blue top layer of jumper or cardigan in school at all times.

If your child is particularly susceptible to the cold then a base layer of a thermal vest, or t-shirt might be suitable. In addition, your child may wish to wear a body warmer, gilet or fleece as an extra top layer in the classroom as they are less bulky than coats.

Fortunately, the weather is relatively mild at the moment but we did see the first hint of frost and ice last week and it is inevitable that the cold weather will descend upon us soon.

We are delighted that we are now able to offer hot meals to children in Key Stage 2 as well as to our children in the EYFS and Key Stage 1. Ang our cook has been working really hard with us here at school in conjunction with Shire Services to adapt the menu so that it includes firm favourites and food that is easy to eat without too much cutting required. We

are also very grateful to our admin team for managing the system required for collecting the payments and maintaining the necessary registers.

All money, either cash or cheque, **MUST** be securely placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and amount enclosed written on the front of the envelope. Details of the days that school lunches are required should also be written on the envelope. All meals should be paid for in advance and ideally on a Monday morning please. This helps us significantly with our administration.

Many thanks,

*Mrs Budd*

**Seesaw:** Thank you to all the children and families who have downloaded Seesaw and engaged with some of the activities set by the teachers this week. We are really excited about the potential for this platform and are delighted by the feedback from the children and parents so far. It is very new for us all so please bear with us if there are any initial teething problems: we're definitely learning together on this!

You will now have received your child's code which can be used on as many devices as you wish and the code remains the same - please keep this confidential though. If you have logged on with your child, you will have seen that the account is in their name. At this stage we are using Seesaw as an opportunity to share work between home and school and this is the primary focus of Seesaw for us at the moment. As we all get used to using it more confidently and the additional threat of remote learning hopefully decreases, there is an option to enable families to have separate access (you may have already seen the 'Seesaw Families' app) and be able to comment as a parent; there is also the opportunity to have more than one journal 'open' at once which I know will help those families with more than one child in school. This is something that we will look at in the future but, in the meantime, please feel free to add comments or details of your child's learning, in relation to the tasks set, under their name.

If you want to know a little more about how to use this learning platform, you can follow the link to this video tutorial of Parents' Guide to using Seesaw. We will also post this under the Home Learning tab on our school website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9FyB1SCbeM>



#### [A Tutorial of Seesaw Home Learning For Parents.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9FyB1SCbeM)

Here is a video tutorial for you to share with parents if you choose to use Seesaw for remote home learning. In this video, I explain how to download the app and log in using the unique home learning QR code and how to use some of the tools to complete tasks set by the teacher. I hope you find it useful. App.Seesaw.Me  
[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

If you haven't managed to log in yet, please have a go as this will help you become familiar with the system before having to use it in the event of self-isolation or a bubble closure here at school. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Thank you again for your continued support.

*Mrs McGrath*

**Dinner Money:** Just a reminder that dinner money is as follows:

1 day	£2.30
2 days	£4.60
3 days	£6.90
4 days	£9.20
5 days	£11.50

Please make cheques payable to '**Shropshire Council**'.

Any money **MUST** be placed in a sealed, named envelope.

Thank you.

**Emergency Closure of School:** If we are forced to close the school due to extreme weather conditions or for any other reason, an announcement will be made on local radio stations.

Information will also be available at:

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures)