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23rd November 2018

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Please see the included catering newsletter 'Food for Thought' for all of the catering updates!



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN
GRATEFUL MEMORY
OF THE MEN OF THIS
PARISH WHO FELL
IN THE GREAT WAR
1914-1918.

BARLOW JAMES
BARLOW JONATHAN
BAILEY HARRY
BAILEY JOHN
BARNETT JAMES H
BARNETT WILLIAM
BIDDULPH WILLIAM
BOWERS JOHN T
BOOTH JOHN T
BOOTH JAMES A

<u>Important Dates for Your Diary</u>	12th, 13th December	School Play
	20th December	Christmas Service
	21st December	Year 5 & 6 Panto
	24th December—4th January	Christmas Holliday



Remembrance 2018 at James Bateman

"Lest we forget"

2018 marks 100 years since the end of the First World War, so to mark this special event, the staff & pupils of James Bateman have created an amazing display outside reception by the pedestrian gates.

On the 25th October, Miss Cox & Mr Champ took Years 7 & 8 on a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum. The pupils had a fantastic trip, participating in multiple activities whilst there.

On the 7th November, Mrs Moss along with 8 pupils from James Bateman joined the rest of the Biddulph schools for another trip to the National Memorial Arboretum. On this trip they learnt that the poppies that we wear are created by injured soldiers, and to get an understanding of the challenges these soldiers face on a day to day basis, they were set a challenge of disassembling and reassembling a poppy with their dominant hand behind their back and their eyes closed.

Our head boy & head girl went down to the cenotaph on the Sunday morning to lay a wreath on behalf of the whole school. Our ICT Technician, Mr Millington, rang the church bells in his local village of Haughton to call the community to church for the remembrance service.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and students for bringing everyone together for events such as this.



Enterprise Day 2018

On the 17th December we will be holding Annual Enterprise day. A letter will be sent home shortly explaining the details of the day,

but in the meantime, we are asking for weekly donations as follows -

Week 1 (commencing 26th November)

Clean Jars with lids & any unused bottles ranging from shampoo to alcohol

Week 2 (commencing 3rd December)

Clean cuddly toys & any tombola items

Week 3 (commencing 10th December)

Bottle bags & Chocolate

We appreciate your support and any donations made!

Trip to the fire station

On the 12th November Year 6 took a trip to the local fire station to learn about road safety, wellbeing, prevention of anti-social behaviour, CPR and fire safety. A huge thank you from Miss Cox to the children who attended the trip —

your behaviour was amazing.

First aid & Defibrillator

Over the summer Mr Birtles works for the National Citizen Service, which takes students who have completed their GCSEs away for a 4 week programme which includes team activities and social action projects in their communities.

These projects decide on a charity or cause to raise money for, and this year they decided to raise money for a defibrillator to be put in a local community building or school.

The team managed to raise £900, £800 of which was used for the defibrillator and the remaining £100 was sent to the Cardiac Risk in the Young foundation.

The defibrillator was given to our school, and all of the first aiders have been trained on how to use it.

As a school, we would like to say a BIG thank you to Mr Birtles for everything he does in the Community and thank you to the team for their efforts in raising the money.

Give a dog a Christmas Dinner

My name is Rachael and I am a catering assistant at James Bateman. Over the past few years I have collected dog food, dog biscuits and clean blankets to take to the City Dogs Home in Bucknall. I always do this in time for Christmas, if anyone could donate any of the above I would be most grateful. A collection box is in reception until 15th December.

Thank you for your support.



Staffordshire Cricket

On Saturday 10th November 2018 Staffordshire Cricket held their annual awards night at Staffordshire County Showground for the 2018 season, where 28 teams were represented. During the evening Jack Muni and Lewis Townsend both received awards:

Jack Muni (7WH) received the Staffordshire County Under 11s fielding award.

Lewis Townsend (7LH) received the Staffordshire County Under 11s development team batting award.

A BIG Thank you to the James Bateman Junior High School, for you donated :
258.65kg of food in October
 Helping to feed hungry people in Stoke-on-Trent

School Terms Holiday Dates 2019

Spring Term 2019:

- Pupils & Staff return - Monday 7th January
- Half Term Holiday: 18th February - 22nd February
- Inset Day - Monday 25th February
- Easter Holiday: 15th April - 26th April
- Easter Sunday: 21 April

Summer Term 2019:

- Pupils & Staff return - Monday 29th April
- May Day: Monday 6th May
- Half Term Holiday: 27th May - 31st May
- Staff & Pupils return - Tuesday 4th June
- Inset day - 22nd
- Summer Holiday: 23rd July - 30th August

Christmas Play

Please can you contact school if you have any of the following items that will help us:

- ◆ - Old fashioned style nightshirts & caps
- ◆ - Sacks or sacking fabric
- ◆ - Builders hard hat
- ◆ - Huge amounts of black fabric!
- ◆ - Gavel and block
- ◆ - Spider costume
- ◆ - Coat hangers
- ◆ - Stethoscope
- ◆ - Thick rope
- ◆ - Brooms and dusters
- ◆ - Water pistols
- ◆ - Stuffed hen/chicken
- ◆ - Plastic sheeting
- ◆ - Industrial chain
- ◆ - Large crucifix
- ◆ - Aprons
- ◆ - Waistcoats, old clothes, baskets, mop caps, fabric flowers

Along with any other items that you think might be useful to us!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Catering Newsletter

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MEET OUR STAFF



Kim Sheldon,
Catering Manager

Kim is the newest member of the team here at James Bateman starting back in February.

Although not having previously worked in a school, Kim does have over 15 years experience within catering and loves working with the pupils and gaining feedback from them when menu planning or implementing new dishes.

Christmas Community Lunch

Due to high demand the Christmas community lunch is now fully booked. We thank you for the continued support for our catering events but unfortunately we could not cater for the high volume of interest as the pupils lunch is our main priority. In the new year we will be trialling some new community engagement events to enable us to cater for more parents/carers throughout the year. So watch this space!

December Activities

Throughout December we will be getting into the Christmas spirit, there will be an advent calendar with prizes to open in Café JB each day.

Friday 14th December - Breakfast Club Christmas Party

Thursday 20th December- Pupils Christmas Lunch, please see the back of this letter for more info.



Tray Bake Cakes

We are now launching our Tray Bake Cakes with a traditional chocolate crunch to start us off!

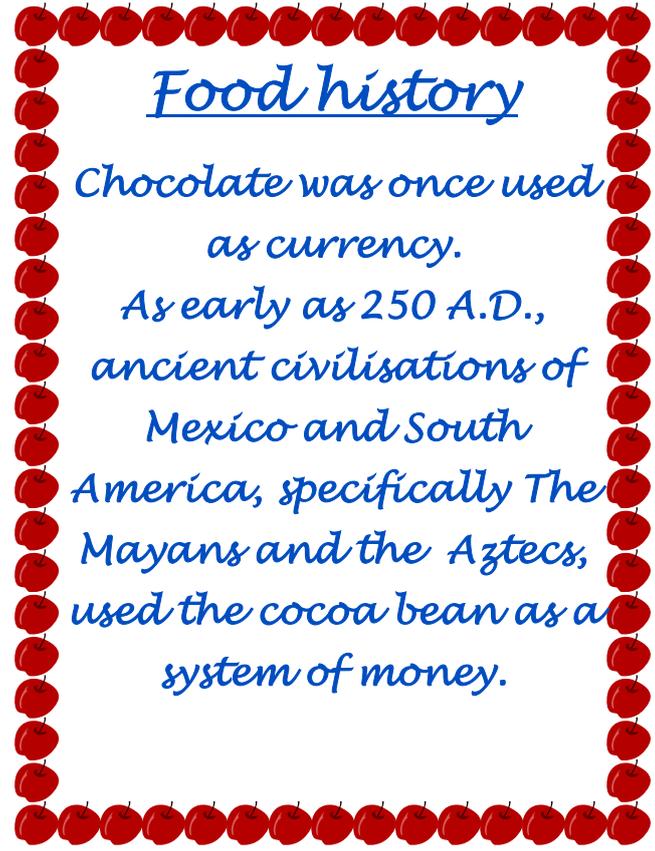
All orders must be in for Friday 30th November for collection on Wednesday the 5th December for an introductory price of only £4.50 per tray.

We will be offering a variety of cakes throughout the school term, although there will only be limited availability each time.

All orders will be taken via email, a confirmation email will be sent to confirm your order.

So please send your order to -

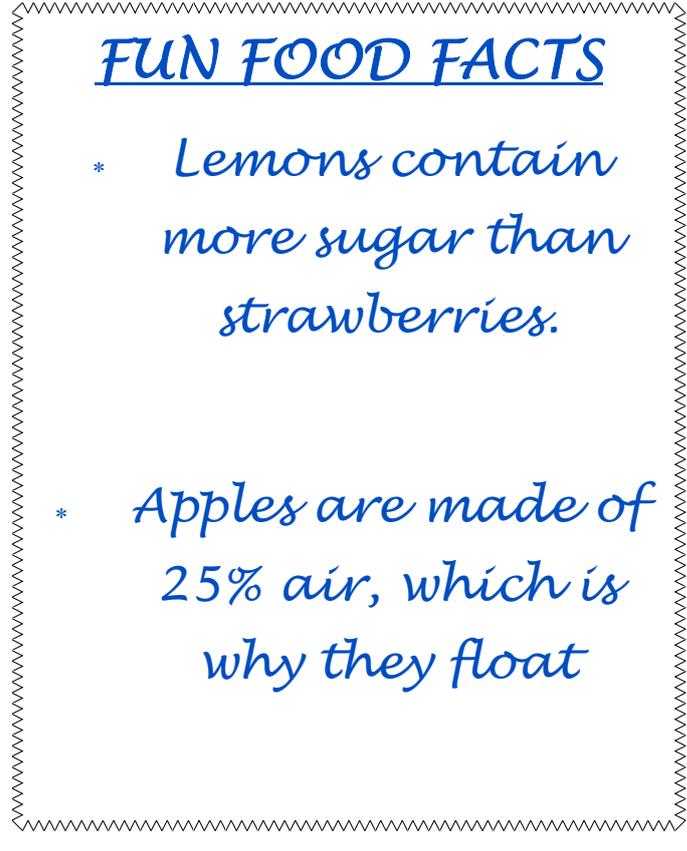
ksheldon@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk



Food history

Chocolate was once used as currency.

As early as 250 A.D., ancient civilisations of Mexico and South America, specifically The Mayans and the Aztecs, used the cocoa bean as a system of money.



FUN FOOD FACTS

- * *Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.*
- * *Apples are made of 25% air, which is why they float*

Pupils Christmas Lunch

Dear Parents and Carers,
We would like to invite the children of James Bateman to join us for a special Christmas Lunch. Our Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday the 20th of December at a cost of £2.20 per child or as part of your Free School Meals.

We would also like to wish all the children, parents and carers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Kim Sheldon (Catering Manager)
and all of the Catering Team

Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets,
Sage & Onion Stuffing,
and Roast Gravy

or

Vegetable Crumble

Lunch will be served with
Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Carrots, Peas & Sprouts

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Christmas Sparkle Iced Sponges

or

Christmas Shortbread Biscuit

Both served with a Vanilla Custard

£2.20 per Child

(Payment will be
taken on the day)

**Merry
Christmas**



Please return this slip to Mrs Dagleish in reception even if a meal is not required.
(No other food option will be available at lunch this day)

My Child: _____ Form: _____

Would like to order (Please Tick as Appropriate)

Roast Turkey _____ Vegetable Crumble _____ None _____

Signed: _____ Parent*/Carer* Date: _____

Please return by Friday 14th December