



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite it being a very soggy week (I can vouch for that myself after History Club went on tour to Sinai Park House on Tuesday!), we have had a very enjoyable and productive week in school. I am beginning to run low on stickers and certificates because of the large numbers of children who have been coming to see me with their work and because for their outstanding behaviour around school. The weather outside has been miserable but the atmosphere and mood inside has been very bright! You can read more about the children's achievements and what they have been learning in the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter. Keep it up children!

Next week we will be issuing a letter outlining the arrangements for parent consultations, scheduled for Monday 18 October and Wednesday 20 October 2021, 4.00 – 7.00pm. A link will be sent to your phone, which you will need to click on to book your appointment/s. Please ensure we have up-to-date numbers for you on our system so that you get your preferred slot/s. It is also important that you read the accompanying letter carefully as we have had to alter some of the traditional arrangements slightly in line with our risk assessment and the current context.

We hope that you have a great weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!



## COVID-19 Update



We have been informed by Staffordshire County Council that contagion rates have spiked this week across the district. Please could we ask that all our community remain vigilant and follow the advice given, which is outlined in the essential documentation on our [COVID-19](#) Info page. Remember, handwashing is still really important so please ensure your children are washing their hands just before they leave the house. As you know, ventilation is a priority in school, as is cleanliness of tables, touch points and equipment. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please could we ask that when you inform the school office you provide us with as much detail as possible rather than simply stating that they are "ill". All information you forward is kept confidential but should we need to provide you with any further advice or take further action with regards to our control measures, we really need to know as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support and understanding.

## Natasha's Law

Natasha's Law is a new legislation relating to the declaration of allergen information on pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS) food.

The law takes its name from the tragic death of a teenager named Natasha, who died from an allergic reaction to undeclared sesame seeds in a pre-packaged baguette. The new law makes it a legal requirement to clearly display information about potential allergens on food packaging for PPDS food.

Natasha's Law comes into effect today – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. From an education perspective, schools will be required to list all ingredients and allergens on the labels of any food **made on site** – such as snacks, sandwiches, wraps, salad pots, cakes, etc. – that are pre-packaged prior to break or lunchtime. Our caterers have already implemented the changes required, which we wanted to communicate with you for reassurance. Further information will be made available on the school website imminently but if you would like to find out more detail regarding the changes that Natasha's Law will bring, you can visit The Food Standards Agency's website: <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/allergen-guidance-for-food-businesses>.



## Reminders!



On **Monday 4 October**, the children will be celebrating harvest in our Harvest Festival assembly at St. Aidan's Church. Please don't forget the request to make a small donation to our Harvest Festival by sending your child in to school with a tin or packet of food (non-perishable items only). We will once again be supporting the YMCA charity who will come and collect the donations later on during that day. Thank you!



To support World Mental Health Day 2021, Shobnall Primary & Nursery School is taking part in "Hello Yellow Day" on **Friday 8 October 2021**. Pupils and staff members are invited to come into school wearing yellow to raise awareness of mental health and the importance of looking after our wellbeing.



The PFA are organising a disco for the children on **Friday 15 October 2021**. Please ignore the times on last week's newsletter as these have now changed! The infants disco will be 3.45 – 5.00pm and the junior disco will be 5.15 – 6.30pm. Miss Alexander, Miss Brewin and Miss Martin-Mills have very kindly said that they are more than happy for children who are attending the infant disco to bring in a change of clothes/costume on the day, which they will help them get changed into. This is so that they are ready for the start of the disco at the end of school! Shobnall Stars will be in the Year 2 classroom on that evening. Tickets will be on sale week commencing 4 October, every morning

before school on the key stage 1 playground and will be priced at £2.50. We do hope that you will be able to support this event and please look out for the PFA newsletter later on in the term!

## Shobnall Primary & Nursery School Vs Richard Wakefield C of E Primary School

Last night bought a fantastic result for our football team who had an amazing win against Richard Wakefield – the final score was 4 – 0. The goal scorers were Cruz (scoring 2), Ameen (scoring 1) and Qayyam (scoring 1). The team tried their best and put everything they could into the match! Well done to everyone and thanks for all the support from the side lines and from Mr Bishop. Good luck to everyone playing in the Dove Valley tournament later today.

*Charlie and Cruz*





## Pupil Achievements!

We have received great news about some of our pupils' achievements outside of school that we wanted to share with you...

Alex H, in Year 5, is part of the youngest Burton Golf Club team to win the South Derbyshire Golf Sixes League! Alex has been participating in the golf tournament over the last few weeks with other junior golfers in the area. It concluded on Saturday and Alex's team won overall. The picture below has just been posted on the Golf Club website and we thought you'd probably like to hear of this success! Well done, Alex – we are very proud of you!



Lilly L did her walk for Darcey G on Sunday. She walked 18 miles (twice around Carsington Water). Darcey joined her for the second leg so she did 9 miles. So far they have raised **£1460** for Birmingham Children's Hospital. We are so proud of them!



## Holiday Activities & Food Summer 2021 – Parent & Carer Satisfaction Survey

Staffordshire County Council are collecting information about the Summer Holiday HAF programme to see if it could be improved, to ascertain what went well and most importantly to gauge the children's enjoyment of it. As some of our children were registered for the scheme, SCC would be very grateful if those who were



complete a short survey. When you have ticked all of the relevant answer boxes, you then have the option of adding further comments at the end of the form. Please note that the survey is completely anonymous and no personal details will be recorded. Please click on this link to access the survey.

<https://consultation.staffordshire.gov.uk/childrens-and-families/hafparentsurvey>

### COVID Pass Fraud

Criminals are using the NHS COVID Pass as a way to target the public by convincing them to hand over money, financial details and personal information. They are sending imitation text messages, emails and making phone calls pretending to be from the NHS, and offering fake vaccine certificates for sale online and through social media.

The NHS App is FREE

The NHS COVID Pass is FREE

The NHS will NEVER ask for payment or any financial details Do not respond to requests for money or important personal information such as bank details or passwords. Be alert to links and attachments in unexpected text messages or emails. If you receive a call and suspect it to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email, forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). If you are suspicious about a text message, forward it to the number 7726, which is free-of-charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by visiting [actionfraud.police.uk](https://actionfraud.police.uk) or calling 0300 123 2040. If you have any information relating to NHS COVID Pass or vaccine certificate fraud you can stay 100% anonymous by contacting CrimeStoppers online at [covidfraudhotline.org](https://covidfraudhotline.org) or phone on 0800 587 5030. The NHS COVID Pass is available to demonstrate your COVID-19 status either in a digital or paper format via the NHS App, the NHS website or by calling 119.

### Themed Lunch Day – Thursday 7 October 2021

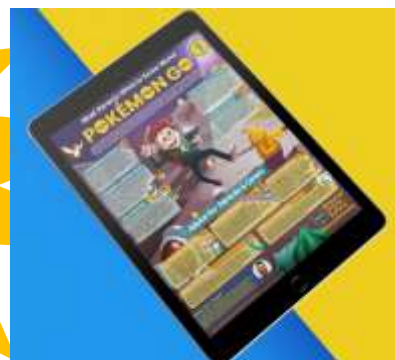
If you would like your child to sample our 'Drive Thru' menu on Thursday 7 October, please view the choices below. Remember, there is a chance of finding a Golden Ticket to win a prize if children have a school dinner on this day! There is no requirement to pre-order a lunch if children don't usually have one, they simply choose their option at registration via their class teacher and lunches are charged through Parent Pay. We hope as many children as possible will try and engage with the theme!



Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Chicken Burger in a Bun, Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Quorn Burger in a Bun, Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Hot Dog (Pork), Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink	Quorn Dog , Hash Brown, Cookie & Drink

### Online Safety Tips

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## School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which is continuing this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via [shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk) and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



## Hot Lunch Options – 4 October to 8 October 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

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WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Ham panini pizza	Sweet and sour chicken	Roast chicken and stuffing	Pork sausages	Battered fish
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Cheese and tomato panini pizza	Vegetable curry	Quorn fillet and stuffing	Quorn sausages	Cheese pin wheel
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Herby diced potatoes Garden peas Baked beans Salad bar	Fluffy rice Carrot batons Broccoli Salad bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Mashed potatoes Garlic bread Sweetcorn Cauliflower Salad bar	Chunky chips Baked beans Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS	Marble sponge and custard	Ginger cookie	Rice pudding with fruit compote	Flapjack	Fruit and ice cream
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt
JACKET POTATOES & SANDWICHES	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings

**Due to the food shortages, the kitchen may have to change the menu at the last minute. Mrs Inger will try her best to keep everyone updated. Many thanks for your understanding.**

# SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

## Nursery

The Nursery children have had a fabulous week. They have been listening to a story based around the music of 'Carnival of the Animals' where two boys disappear through a magical door and meet many different animals on their travels. They have loved practising their own lion and elephant movements, making animal paper plate creations, as well as using percussion instruments to represent their own animal sounds. The Nursery staff also brought family photos into school to share with the children, so that they could learn more about their Key Workers and make comparisons between families. Next week we look forward to looking at photos brought in from the children, as way of learning that all families are different and intend to use them to make a class book!

## Reception

It has been another exciting week in Reception! We started our week with a fantastic walk around our local area. The children were extremely sensible and spotted lots of different homes and buildings. They

were eager to share their thoughts about the different types of houses and they used wonderful vocabulary to compare the various features. They also enjoyed sharing their experiences of visiting different areas such as the football field, Shobnall park, Little Strawberries and the garden area of the Albion. We were extremely lucky when we got to the Marina as we were just in time to see a barge travelling along the canal. Rupert also spotted Mr McGregor's house nearby 'That's where Mr McGregor lives, you know the one that catches Peter Rabbit he's in there!'



The children have continued to learn about the local area throughout the week and have created some wonderful artwork which will form a super display!

### **Year 1**

This week year 1 have been exploring Jack and the Beanstalk by writing character descriptions on both Jack and the Giant. In maths we have been focusing on the part-whole model and writing the number sentences to match these. In history we have been looking at the current monarch Queen Elizabeth II, and placing her key events onto a timeline. This will continue into next week where we will compare her reign to that of Queen Victoria.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 have had a fantastic week this week. The children have really settled into the routines of Year 2 and have demonstrated how mature they are becoming. Our focus this week has been on working quietly at the tables, and that is definitely something that the children have achieved - well done Year 2!

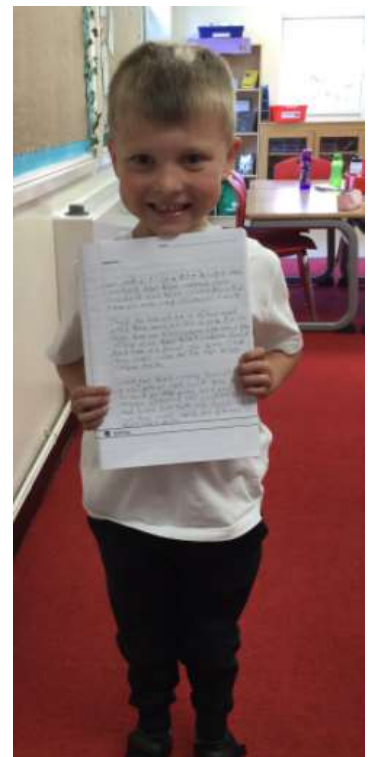
In Maths the children have moved onto addition and subtraction. They have certainly retained a lot of information from Year 1 because they were absolute whizzes at it! The children can't wait for the challenge of column addition next week.

In English Year 2 have been learning about poetry and have been practising our Harvest Poem ready for the Harvest Celebration on Monday. The children created their own actions to accompany the poem and have worked incredibly hard on using the correct tone, rhythm and projection.

In the afternoons the children have enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London. Year 2 have had some fantastic discussions about The Plague and its similarities to Coronavirus and have been especially respectful and reflective in their historical debates about the decision to quarantine Eyam in 1665. Well done Year 2 - keep up the great work!

### **Year 3**

We have had a brilliant week in Year 3. This week we began learning about the Stone Age in History. On Tuesday, we travelled back in time to the Stone Age and created our very own cave art. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and created some amazing work - now displayed in our classroom. We have





continued reading and learning about George's Marvellous Medicine in our guided reading lessons. This week we created our own marvellous medicine recipes. A fantastic week Year 3!

#### Year 4

We have had an enjoyable week in Year 4. The children have been learning about playscripts in English and have had the opportunity to write and act out their own playscripts based on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*! These have been a thoroughly enjoyable read with children having to think carefully about how their writing will impact the reader. It's also been evident to see how much time and effort the children have been putting in at home learning their times tables. This has been reflected through amazing results in our weekly times table test. Keep it up Year 4!



#### Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed planning their stories this week based around Harry Potter. The children have created their own characters which they have really enjoyed. The pupils have continued learning French where they have been learning new vocabulary which they have used during speaking and listening activities. The children have been encouraged to go to the school library on Thursdays which is the Year 5 day to change their reading book. All children need to bring a reading book into the classroom each day from home or the library.

The children have an important letter attached to their homework about a meeting for Whitemoor Lakes.

#### Year 6

Our maths unit on the four operations has continued: we have been using formal, written methods to multiply and divide. In English, we have started to explore stories with flashbacks, where the children were surprised with how many flashbacks they could identify from some of their favourite books and films, including *Harry Potter* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. We have been using a short film, *The Piano* by Aiden Gibbons, and are taking inspiration from this to develop our own example. In our history unit, we have been identifying and explaining some of the social impacts of the Second World War and in French, we have been developing our own piece of writing based on our homes.

#### Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 7+...

##### Star Cat

*Written by James Turner and Yasmin Sheikh*

It's a space adventure, Jim, but not as we know it! Climb aboard the Star Cat, half-spaceship, half-cat, as it travels the infinite void of space. There you'll meet its well-meaning if frequently malfunctioning crew: Captain Spaceington, Science Officer PLIXX, Pilot and Robot One. They patrol the galaxy fuelled by ice-cream and ever-ready (almost anyway) to save the universe, especially from arch enemy, the four-cornered fiend Dark Rectangle. This chunky collection brings together six of these brilliant stories, first published in the Phoenix Comic, and each one is guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat one minute, rolling on the floor laughing the next. Space adventures don't come more comic than this, and comic strip adventures don't come better than *Star Cat*.



## Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Theodosia D	Hasnain Q
<b>Year 1</b>	Baaqir A	Alina P
<b>Year 2</b>	Hadi K	Elliot M
<b>Year 3</b>	Esmee G	Euan W
<b>Year 4</b>	Freya B	Rafael P
<b>Year 5</b>	Alex H	Eva W
<b>Year 6</b>	Fezaan A	Safi S

## Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Fynn Mc
<b>Year 1</b>	Layla N
<b>Year 2</b>	Zaef R
<b>Year 3</b>	Angelo M
<b>Year 4</b>	Oscar T
<b>Year 5</b>	Rosie E
<b>Year 6</b>	Florence T

## Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points ( <i>Week Ending 01.10.21</i> )	<b>174</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>85</b>
Position	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 4 Points</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 2 Points</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 2 Points</b>
Running Total	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>

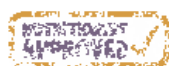
## Autumn Term Diary Dates



Event	Date/Time
Harvest	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Hello Yellow Young Minds Mental Health Awareness Day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Year 2 Bhangra Dancing, JTHS	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
PFA Halloween Disco	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Final Day for Consent – Flu Vaccination	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Flu Vaccination Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021
Parents' Evening	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021
Open Evening	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2021, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021 Inclusive
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021
Christingle	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
PFA KS1 Christmas Movie Night	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 3.30pm
PFA KS2 Christmas Movie Night	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 3.30pm
Year 3 Cosy Celebration	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield Garrick, Peter Pan	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021



## Diary Dates 2021-2022

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School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022



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MAIN DISH	Ham panini pizza	Sweet and sour chicken	Roast chicken and stuffing	Pork sausages	Battered fish
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Cheese and tomato panini pizza	Vegetable curry	Quorn fillet and stuffing	Quorn sausages	Cheese pin wheel
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Herby diced potatoes Garden peas Baked beans Salad bar	Fluffy rice Carrot batons Broccoli Salad bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Mashed potatoes Garlic bread Sweetcorn Cauliflower Salad bar	Chunky chips Baked beans Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS	Marble sponge and custard	Ginger cookie	Rice pudding with fruit compote	Flapjack	Fruit and ice cream
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WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Chicken with a side of BBQ sauce	Pork meatballs in a tomato sauce	Roast turkey and stuffing	All day breakfast	Fish fingers
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza	Vegetarian Bolognese	Quorn fillet and stuffing	Vegetarian all day breakfast	Quorn nuggets
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Herby diced potatoes Garden peas Sweetcorn Salad bar	Pasta Garlic bread Broccoli Carrot batons Salad bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Bread wedge Baked tomatoes Mushrooms Baked beans Salad bar	Chips Sweetcorn Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate sponge and custard	Fruity flapjack	Strawberry jelly and fruit	Shortbread	Fresh fruit and ice cream
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# MENU



Variety is the key to a healthy diet. try something new today!

MEAT FREE

- MEAT FREE MONDAY

5 A DAY



- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY



- CHEF'S CHOICE





DESSERTS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Beef burger in a soft bun	Chicken and vegetable pie	Roast Chicken and Yorkshire pudding	Chilli beef	Fish cake
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn burger in a soft bun	Vegetarian Bolognese	Vegetarian toad in the hole	Cheese and vegetable frittata	Cheese and bean wraps
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Herby diced potatoes Baked beans Garden peas Salad bar	Mashed potatoes fluffy rice Carrot batons Broccoli Salad Bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Potato wedges Cauliflower Garden peas Salad bar	Chips Sweetcorn Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate crunch	Jam sponge and custard	Orange muffin	Fruit meringues	Fruit and ice cream
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## MENU



Quench your thirst with  
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available daily



- MEAT FREE MONDAY



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# What Parents Need to Know about POKÉMON GO

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Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures: physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

## STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

## DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device, locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

## VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

### ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

### DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

### USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

### AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

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