

# Walkington Primary School Connect



**W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

## **A note from our Spring Term Newsletter Sponsor, Quick & Clarke**

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## **Change of Menu**

Please be advised of a change to the published menu this week.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> will be the lunch offering scheduled for Thursday:**

Slow braised steak  
Yorkshire pudding  
Mash potatoes  
Carrot  
Broccoli  
Ice cream roll & fruit cocktail

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January will now be:**

Chicken nuggets (*or suitable alternative*)  
Chips  
Beans  
Wellington fudge & custard (*a chocolate muffin will be served to those children with registered allergies*)

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### **Year 5 Swimming Lessons**

Reminder: Swimming lessons will commence for our Year 5 pupils on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. These lessons will run for 5 weeks (excluding the February half-term).

Your child will need a swimming bag which contains their swimming trunks (not longer than knee length) or swimming costume (one piece) and a towel.

Your child may bring goggles if they wish to wear them and a swimming cap. Long hair does need to be tied up - we have found that plaits are best.

Please would you ensure that your child also has a waterproof coat with them. We will return to school before the end of the day.

### **The 'Big Ambition' National Survey**

Last term, our assembly theme was about 'Finding our Voice' - the gentle power of using our views and voice to effect positive change, something we feel is essential to share with children from the earliest age.

Linked with this, please find below a message from the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza:

*I hope everyone at Walkington Primary School has enjoyed the much-needed Christmas break. I just wanted to offer my final thanks for your support with my national campaign 'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.***

*I have been overwhelmed by the response the survey has received. Over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind!*

***This is the final push to hear from even more children before the survey closes, it is so important that every child in England has an opportunity to tell policy makers what they want and need ahead of the General Election.***

*By sharing my survey with your pupils and parents or carers, you can make sure that the children and young people of East Riding of Yorkshire are fairly represented in the results.*

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

*I am so very grateful for your support, and I am beyond excited to share the findings.*

If you could spare a moment to complete the survey we would be most grateful. Thank you.



### **Starting Reception in September 2024**

With less than a week to go to the deadline for parents to apply for a Reception school place, where applicable, please be advised that:

**The deadline for applying for a school place for Reception 2024 is 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

**If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 and you live in the East Riding you should apply now for a school place in September 2024.**

**Applications should be made online at: [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(eastriding.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/citizen-portal)**

You're welcome to contact school admissions directly with any queries at:  
[schooladmissions@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@eastriding.gov.uk)

### **Country Dancing – After School Club**

Reminder: Country Dancing will recommence this week on Tuesday 16th January. Thank you.  
Miss Sawkins.

### **Parents Evening**

Letters will be sent out on Monday for the forthcoming Spring Term Parents Evening, scheduled for the 7th & 8th February. Please return your reply slips no later than Friday 19th January. Thank you.

### **East Riding Youth Dance**

Please see the attached flyer for the upcoming term. Thank you.

Please click on the link below for our weekly hot school meal menus:  
[Autumn-Term-Weekly-Meals-Sept-23-Jan-24.pdf \(walkingtonschool.org\)](https://www.walkingtonschool.org/Autumn-Term-Weekly-Meals-Sept-23-Jan-24.pdf)