



# Greetings from Richmond Avenue

## Welcome Back!

This weeks update comes in three parts

- 1) Homework expectations and online logins
- 2) IRIS Parentmail useful information
- 3) Reading and Book Bands

Please keep looking on the app for other information and news coming out from the school

## Homework

**Your child has will soon be coming home with their homework for this half term. It includes the following:**

- Each week all children (yrs1-6) will have spellings sent home, stuck into their home link books
- Each week children (yrs 1-6) should have times tables (or number bonds) to learn, recorded in their home link books
- Each half term, all children (R-6) will be given a differentiated 'bingo' homework sheet to work through.
- They should choose at least 1 activity to complete a week from the selection and record their work in their homework books.

**In their home-link books, you will also find:**

- A login for MathsWhizz which is a website to help them with maths. There are lots of activities for the children to complete. They will sometimes have work set on here to complete at home.
- A login for Times Tables Rockstars which is a website to help them with their times tables. It is great fun and has shown to be of great benefit to learning key skills.
- Logins for Reading Eggs and Purple Mash online programmes

## Reading

In addition to the homework sheets and online activities children can choose from, we also encourage all our children to read regularly at home.

Your child will bring home a reading book, from one of the **NEW** book band books to share with you at home. Please write in the reading records when this book is read with / to you. Before we change books, we discuss and ask the children about what they have read to develop their comprehension skills alongside their reading skills.

### Reading Bands

The books progress in a set colour order that the children work through over their time at the school. We are very lucky that we have new books in all the book bands this year so have a much wider range for the children to choose from and develop their skills with when reading.

**Pink—Red—Yellow—Blue—Green—Orange—Turquoise—Purple—Gold—White—Lime—  
Brown—Grey—DarkBlue—DarkRed—Free Reader**

*Ask your child what colour they are on and what they can share about their new books*

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## Important Dates:

*(More details will follow relevant to each event below)*

**Thursday 16th September—**  
Flu Immunisation day

**Wed 22nd September—**  
Richmond Fitness Day

**WB 4th October—**  
Poetry Week

**Thursday 7th October—**  
Census Day Dinners—  
alternative lunch menu

**WB 18th October —**  
Parent Teacher  
Consultation Meetings

**Friday 22nd October—**  
Harvest Festival





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## IRIS ParentMail

As you are aware, we have a new online payment system across the MAT now – IRIS ParentMail. This system allows you to book and pay for your children's dinners in advance through the website / Parentmail app.

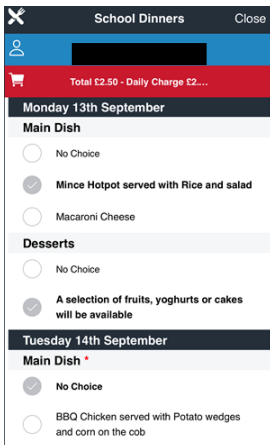
Being mindful that this is a new and different system, we are hoping the below information will help you in accessing and using the service.

### Booking Dinners

In the app → Accounts → Child's name → School Dinners

- The menu for up to three weeks in advance is available on the app when booking dinners
- You can select which option your child wants for each day from the given menu options by clicking on the date you wish to book for
- Then, just select the preferred option (for multiple days if you wish) and confirm at the bottom of the page. (You will be asked to check and confirm your choices before final booking and payment)

When confirmed, you will then see the items in your basket. Please note – They are not booked until payment is made.



### Payments

- You can add balance to your account, using a card, and then deductions will be made from your balance when you book meals
- The money can be taken straight from a card if there is no balance on your account
- If you do not have access to email to be able to use an online account, the office can print barcodes for you to be able to pay through paypoint at local shops for trips and clubs.

### Access to IRIS

If you cannot get into your account or need to reset links, please go to the 'Information section' of the school app for links to help you get access to your account.

## Contacting the Office

To help improve communication and speed of responses to parental queries, we are asking any emails to the school from parents / carers now go to [office@richmond.secat.co.uk](mailto:office@richmond.secat.co.uk)

*(please do not use the admin@ email address for parental queries)*

