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# Eat Culture

Nottingham Catering

## Parents Newsletter

Our Catering Teams have been serving festive Christmas Roast Dinners with all the trimmings and tempting spreads of party food. Hope all the children had fun!

In this issue we would like to tell you about our National School Meals Week VIP guests and lots more. We also have some job opportunities.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## National Schools Meal Week 6th - 10th November 2023



A brilliant line-up of VIP guests visited schools for National School Meals Week including local MP's and council directors.

We invited guests to meet our Catering Teams to find out about the challenges the industry is facing and the difference a school meal can make to young people. They also enjoyed a sociable school meal with the children.

Alex Norris MP for Nottingham North and Lucy Hubber, Director of Public Health at Nottingham City Council visited Rufford Primary School in Bulwell and enjoyed a delicious quorn chilli with fruit dessert.

Alex Norris said: "A hot meal at lunchtime is so important for children's education. I commend the really important work the industry is doing, particularly during a cost of living crisis, to ensure that every young child in Nottingham can reap the benefits of a healthy, balanced lunchtime meal."



Catherine Underwood, Corporate Director for People at Nottingham City Council visited Ambleside Academy in Broxtowe and former Chair of LACA (the school food people), Jacque Blake visited Westbridgford Junior School.



Jacque said: "What a pleasure to see a great team, super food and all the pupils tucking into their lunch. To top it off I was also serenaded by the school choir! A wonderful lunchtime, showcasing the great work done to ensure pupils receive a hot healthy school meal."



## Lifetime Achievement Award



Congratulations to Kath Musson, our Chef Supervisor at Edale Rise Primary School who has received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dean-Michael Crosby, Headteacher at Edale Rise said: "We are thrilled that Kath's achievement is being so widely recognised. Kath has provided hot meals for children at Edale for almost 40 years. Our children calculated that that's almost a million hot meals in her time at Edale and every single one has been provided with a smile! We are so lucky to have Kath at Edale."

Kath said: "I'll have been working for the council for 40 years next February. I've enjoyed it - the children have made it. The children all call me Kath, and when I got the award they said: "You're famous now!"

## Upcoming Theme Days

On Thursday 18th January we are having a Winter Warmer menu day. It is a great opportunity for children to try school meals if they don't already have one. Please sign up at your school office.

On the menu: Sausage Mash and Beans/ Veggie Sausage, Mash & Beans/ Tuna Pasta Bake. For dessert: Jam Crumble Slice & Custard/Fresh Fruit Salad



We are looking forward to working with Veg Power again in the Spring. We will be encouraging children to tuck into their veg with some delicious international recipes in participating schools.

## We are recruiting!



Do you enjoy working with children and have a passion for working with food? We regularly have new job opportunities to join our catering teams: [Link to our vacancies...](#)

# Free School Meals

We are proud to serve healthy, balanced and freshly prepared school meals.

Our school meals give children all the energy they need to power through the day, helping them concentrate at school and supporting their wellbeing.

Book your place for UIFSM at the school office or if your school has an online ordering system book it online.

Universal Infant Free School Meals are free for children in:

- Reception class
- Year 1
- Year 2

If you receive benefits your child may be entitled to free school meals. Apply at: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

