

Summer 2021 Parent Newsletter

Hello from Barnsley Schools Catering Service

What's been going on?

Get in touch with our team at BSCS@barnsley.gov.uk



Healthy Holidays Half Term Good Food Boxes

As part of our Healthy Holidays Programme, we delivered 2,757 food boxes to the homes of over 4,196 children eligible for free school meals for half term. Over 100 volunteers helped to pack these boxes, which included over 111,000 products! If you received a box, we hope you enjoyed it.



Eat Them to Defeat Them

Over the last few weeks, we've seen an amazing array of vegetable displays, dishes and activities as part of the Eat Them to Defeat Them Campaign! The initiative has seen children across Barnsley including new vegetables in their diet.

If your child's school hasn't been involved, you can find out more at www.eatthemtodefearthem.com. We'd love to get even more schools onboard next time, so please do encourage your child's school to sign up.



School Chef of The Year Competition

A massive congratulations to Amy Tomlinson of Athersley South Primary School for making it through to the regional finals of the 'School Chef of The Year' competition.

Amy's Quorn moussaka and trio of berry desserts went down a storm with pupils at Athersley South, and we wish her all the best as she cooks live in York on 16 July. We're rooting for you Amy!

You said, we did!

You said you wanted seasonal menus, so we've introduced our new summer menu! We've included lighter dishes to enjoy in warmer weather. Look out for our autumn menu coming in the new academic year, full of heartier favourites.

Coming up Healthy Holidays Summer Programme

For the Summer Holidays, the Healthy Holidays programme is supporting children eligible for Free School Meals with a 5-week activity programme. Children can participate in fun physical and educational activities while enjoying a meal onsite each day.

If your child currently accesses Free School Meals, look out for a letter through the post with all the information you need to sign up.

School meals matter

Research shows that school meals are consistently healthier than packed lunches.

School meals at your child's school:

- Contain at least 2 of their 5 a day in every meal
- Are low in salt, sugar and fat
- Do not contain any sweeteners or additives
- Offer unlimited vegetables
- Provide fruit and bread daily

Meet the team

A hello from our Operations Manager, Mike



"I joined Barnsley School Catering Service in late February 2021 as Operations Manager. At my interview it was explained to me that they were looking to develop the service. I was very excited to be able to join at this point in time to influence its progression."

I have worked in school catering for many years and I love to develop fresh and exciting menus for the students. From the new menu, I love the curly calzone, it's really tasty and filling, and starts the week off well."