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Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the rain, the after-school clubs got off to a good start this week and were largely well-attended. Unfortunately, the wet weather often made it necessary to vacate indoors but this didn't spoil the fun!

In future weeks, parents/carers of children attending clubs can pick up their children from the playground adjacent to the car-park. Anyone who wishes to pick their child up early should enter the school site and ring the bell at Reception. Pupils may bring a small healthy snack for after-school and water bottles can be topped-up as required.

On the subject of food, it has come to my attention that a number of children with packed lunches are really struggling to eat all that has been provided in the thirty-minute period before the hall is required for the next bubble. This is often due to the time it takes to eat some of the extra sweets that have been included in lunchboxes. Whilst as parents/carers you obviously know best about what your children should eat, as a school we do encourage pupils to eat healthily and would definitely not recommend an overload of sweet and salty snacks. In addition, it can cause real problems for a child who might be sitting on their own in the hall - when their class have returned to lessons - with others lined-up outside waiting for him/her to finish eating a lolly or bag of sweets before they can enter. Please consider the amount and type of food that is necessary for a healthy balanced diet at lunchtime.

To save time and money for all concerned and inhibit the growth of our lost property box, please could I remind you to ensure that clothes coming into school are clearly labelled with your child's name.

This week, pupils attended a Zoom meeting with a strings teacher from Shropshire Music Service. They had the opportunity to interview her and have their questions answered about playing an instrument. Prior to the meeting, pupils experienced a virtual 'live' music – and behind the scenes - event delivered by musicians from the service. As a result, a number of children expressed an interest in playing an instrument. Please use the link to access further information on what Shropshire Music Service are able to offer:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATH\\_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtftpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWlQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATH_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtftpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWlQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUS4u)

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Next week, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, it will be Carnival Day for Elm Class. The children in Elm class are getting excited about wearing their costumes; the rest of the school will enjoy watching the parade!

In school, pupils are taking part in the Royal Mail Heroes stamp design competition to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

A huge thank-you to Abbey Nursery, Much Wenlock, for kindly gifting us two hanging baskets which should look beautiful in a few weeks time.

Thanks again to the growing number of volunteers who are helping out in a number of ways. As a small, rural school, that stands alone, we rely heavily on the support of the community and our Barrow family. We continue to require help to undertake jobs in the school grounds, such as painting and restoration work, as well as in the development of our outside areas. Please contact the office or speak to me at the gate if you feel you can offer any help, either now or in the future.

With the Indian variant of COVID being in Shropshire, please remain vigilant. Protection measures remain in place as we continue to follow guidance set out for schools.

Your continued support is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)