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September Newsletter

The new school year is well underway and we thought that a few pieces of information and dates might be useful. This newsletter is available in the office as a paper copy if you would prefer, simply contact the office and we will send one home with your child.

School Dinners

As some of you will be aware, the cost of a school dinner has gone up this term for the first time in a few years to £2.30 per day. This is in line with other schools in the area as we need to cover the rising cost of providing food for the children as well as keeping the kitchen running.

The new school menu is going down well with the children. They are enjoying the new foods and have said that they prefer some of the new tastes being provided. The menu is attached to this newsletter but is also on the school website and the mobile phone app. A paper copy is also available if you would like, just ask at the office.

Whilst we aim to provide exactly what is on the menu, we do occasionally have to change something for a day if the suppliers cannot get a certain item to us. This is less likely to happen now as we have changed suppliers for some foods and so far, they have been very good at getting things to us in time.

If you could please make sure that the dinner money owed to school is paid weekly, this would help us immensely as it means we are better placed to pay the suppliers and keep things running efficiently.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not need to pay for their meals as these are provided for free. However, if you think that you might be entitled to free school meals, contact the school office as if you do qualify, the school will receive additional funding to support your children in their learning.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



A letter went out last week about the forthcoming Macmillan coffee morning. If you missed it, here are the details again.

The school community has decided again to arrange a coffee morning to support the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. The Macmillan charity supports not just those who are suffering with the disease, but carers as well.

We would like to invite parents and friends of the school in the village and surrounding area to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and a something to eat for £1 from 9:00am -10:00am on Friday the 28th of September. We would be very grateful for cake/biscuit donations to be brought into school for a cake stall on Thursday afternoon or on the morning Friday 28th September.

It would be lovely to see you all in school and at the same time raise some funds for such a worthwhile charity.

PE Kits

Please could we remind parents/carers that the children should have a PE kit in school every day. This is an important part of the school curriculum and unfortunately quite a few children do not have the correct clothing in school.

To be able to take part in the lessons, the children need a t-shirt, shorts and suitable footwear for running around outside. As the weather turn cooler, a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a jumper would also be useful in case the children venture outside for one of their lessons.

A PE kit can be purchased from school for £10 which includes a t-shirt, shorts and a bag to keep them in.

Absence and lateness during term time

Headteachers can agree to a child having time off during term time but only if it is an exceptional circumstance. A family holiday does not fall into this category and in the majority of cases this will be classed as unauthorised absence. We always try to work with families, listen to each case individually and use common sense when making a decision on giving permission for absence in term time. We expect a child to have a minimum of 96% attendance throughout the year and only seven days off throughout the entire year brings your child's attendance down to this.

Whilst we do not want to fine families for taking time off during the school term, we will have to seriously consider doing so if we feel that a child's education is being damaged for the sake of a holiday. Please think carefully about planning family holidays during term time and avoid taking your child out of school wherever possible so as not to disrupt their education. A day missed cannot be gained back and your child will have missed out on valuable teaching and learning during their time away from the classroom

We would also like to remind parents/carers that the school day starts at 9:00am. There are a few children who are regularly late and this has an impact on their learning. During the first ten minutes of each day the children have tasks to work on that they need for the lessons later in the day. If you could aim to be at school from 8:50am onwards, this would allow your child to settle down in time for the 9:00am start of the day.

Useful dates for your diary.

The school website and mobile phone app have all the upcoming dates and activities we currently have in our diary. As events and visits are booked in, we will update the calendar and in some cases send out a slip for you to sign.

Headteacher's Message

The new school year has begun well. All our new starters in the Reception/Year 1 class have settled in nicely and have already made their first couple of weeks in school a success.

Mrs Kenyon and Mrs Graves have many exciting activities planned for the rest of the term and we are looking forward to seeing how the children make the most of their new environment.

We also welcome Reverend Tim Parker into school as our new vicar and Foundation Governor. He has already been into school to take an assembly and to get to know the children. We look forward to working with him over the years to come.

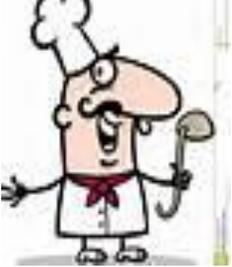
Finally I wish to say that as always, we are here to provide your children with a safe and caring environment in which they can flourish as individuals. Communication is the best way forward. Please keep talking to us and if there is anything you think we should know, contact the school office and we will be happy to discuss things with you.

Andrew Barber.



Guess what's for lunch today!



Sept '18	Week 1	Week 2
 <p>Monday</p>	<p>Chilli Tortilla & Rice Jacket Potato & Cheese Chicken Goujon Wrap Treacle Sponge Salad / Fruit</p>	<p>Chicken Curry, Naan Bread & Rice Tomato Soup & Roll Cheese & Ham Croissant Flapjack Salad / Fruit</p>
 <p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Vegetables Coronation Chicken Roll Cheese Roll Frozen Yogurt & Fruit Salad / Fruit</p>	<p>Beef Burger with a Cheese Slice Seasoned Wedges & Baked Beans Jacket Potato & Tuna Cheese Roll Ice Cream & Fruit Salad / Fruit</p>
 <p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Pasta Bolognese & Vegetables Tomato Soup Ham Wrap Chocolate Cookie Salad / Fruit</p>	<p>Chicken & Yorkshire Puddings Roast potatoes & Vegetables Jacket Potato & Cheese Ham Wrap Yogurt Pouches Salad / Fruit</p>
 <p>Thursday</p>	<p>Pizza , Chips & Beans Jacket Potato & Beans Tuna Roll Mousse Salad / Fruit</p>	<p>Ham & Cheese Flatbread Pizza Sweet Potato Fries Tomato Soup Sliced Chicken Wrap Sponge & Custard Salad / Fruit</p>
 <p>Friday</p>	<p>Fish Fingers, Potato Waffle & Peas Tomato Soup Sausage Wrap Muffin Salad / Fruit</p>	<p>Fish Fingers Beans and Chips Tomato Soup Sausage Wrap Banana Brownie Salad / Fruit</p>