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Newsletter

21st October 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we have already reached the end of this first half of the autumn term. The children have all adapted really well to the smaller numbers, and we have enjoyed a successful time, working mainly on our topic of Traditional Tales, and we have created two lovely displays, which you are more than welcome to come in and admire, of Jack and the Beanstalk, and our visit to the two theatres in Leeds.

This week, we have also been working on Maths assessments, and I am delighted to say that everybody is working at more or less the expected level for their age. Well done everyone!

As you know, we have also experienced a low number of staff this half term, due to illness; however, we look forward to Mrs Warrington and Mrs Longden returning next half term. We are also delighted that we will have two new pupils starting after the half term holiday as well.

Have a lovely break, and I look forward to seeing everybody again on Monday 31st October at 8.50.am.

Attendance

Our overall school attendance this week has been 95.7%. Well done everyone!!! For this half term our average attendance has been 92.02%.

Please remember that the bell goes at 8.55am in the mornings and your child(ren) should be in school before this time.

POINTS

The winner of our points this month is with **Finley** with **20!** Second place goes to **Nicola** who has **12** points and **Beau** is 3rd with **11**. They will be going out for lunch sometime next term, as well as our winners from September, accompanied by two members of staff. As September's winner is no longer at the school, their outing will also consist of **Maia**, who came fourth this month with **10** points! Parents of the winners will get confirmation letters nearer the date of this happening. We are so pleased that everyone seems to have taken so well to this new rewards system, and everyone is consistently getting high points. Keep it up, everyone!

BACON BUTTY FRIDAYS

Our weekly get-togethers have proved very enjoyable. It's been lovely for us all (including Mrs Seager!) to spend time together, and eat bacon or egg sandwiches or toast, ably cooked by Mrs Seager in by Mrs Longden's absence. The first week of October, we continued to make our Lego villages. Last week we thoroughly enjoyed a quiz put together by Mr Fenton – well done to Nicola's team for winning – and this week we enjoyed a discussion about the forthcoming half term break and then used our theatres, that we have built this term, to perform plays of traditional tales with puppets we have also made. We are aiming to continue these communal times every week next half term.

DINNER MONEY AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please can I remind parents that all Dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday morning. A full week costs £10.50 (each day is £2.10). You are able to choose on a daily basis whether you want to have the meal and do not have to have a meal every day.

The designated person for Safeguarding is Miss CM Habbishaw
The deputy designated person for Safeguarding is Mrs J Warrington

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CHANGES TO MENU AFTER HALF TERM

As from 31st October, Wednesday week 2 lunch will be changed FROM Exeter Shortcake TO Cottage Pie.

THIS WILL BE A PERMANENT CHANGE.

On Wednesday 2nd November, however, as part of National Schools Meals Week, we are celebrating Roast Dinner Day. This meal will consist of **Pork Loin, Apple sauce and Gravy.**

On Friday 4th November, we will be having a special Bonfire Lunch to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night. The menu will be as follows:

Sizzling Sausages, Banging Baked Beans, Popping Peas, Whistling Wedges, Catherine Wheel Tomato Bread Crackling Crispie Bun.

Therefore, the menu for w/c 31st October will be:

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pasta

Tuesday – Cottage Pie (Normally Wednesday lunch)

Wednesday – Pork Loin, Apple Sauce, Gravy

Thursday – Chicken Korma

Friday – Bonfire lunch (As detailed above)

THESE CHANGES ARE FOR WEEK COMMENCING 31st OCTOBER ONLY.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will restart on Mrs Longden's return to school.

HYDRATION

Its a good idea to have a water bottle in school as it has been proved that being hydrated is a boost to learning, but please ensure that there is only water or flavoured water **NOT JUICE** in the bottle.

PE KITS

Please make sure your child(ren) has their PE Kit in school all week as we may decide to do PE activities. PE kit **MUST** be in school for Thursday mornings.

Key Dates

Friday 21st October 2016 – School closes at 3.30pm for Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st October 2016 – School reopens 8.50am for 2nd half of Autumn Term

Friday 18th November 2016 – School Closed for INSET Day

W/C Monday 8th May 2017 – Year 6 SATs (pupils will receive preparation related homework throughout the year to support their SATs learning)

Throughout May 2017 – Year 2 SATs

Yours sincerely,

Claire-Marie Habbishaw
(Head Teacher)