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## Spring Term 2015 - Newsletter - Number 5

Dear families and children,

### ***New Kitchen Menus***

This week is the third week of our new school meals menu (see website). The first 3 weeks of this new style service have gone very quickly. The feedback we have had from the children is that the new meals have been fantastic and it is really satisfying knowing that the quality of the meals is now the best it can be. I must thank our team in the kitchen - Mrs Humphries, Mrs Drummond, Mrs Brindley, Mrs Grove and Mrs Edge for their hard work in preparing these meals for the children - thank you!

In the next couple of weeks, the kitchen staff will be inviting you into school to see the service for yourselves and have a taste. If you have been to one of these events before it will surprise you to see how much our school meals have changed! Dates will be sent to you shortly.

### ***Red Nose Day***

Tomorrow is Red Nose day. The theme this year is 'Make your face funny for money'...so that is what we are asking the children to do. Come to school with the funniest face you can and bring in £1 to donate to Red Nose Day! There will be prizes for those judged to have the best 'funny' face - probably of the chocolate variety yet again! It should be a lot of fun! Children can wear their own clothes tomorrow.

### ***Solar Eclipse - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015***

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, in the morning, a rare solar eclipse will be seen in the UK and in our area we should see up to 98% of the sun's light covered. This is the biggest solar eclipse in Britain since 1999 and it will be even more special than previous eclipses - because the night before there will be a Supermoon. The night before an unusual phenomenon of the Earth and Moon being as close together as they possibly can be, results in the so-called Supermoon. This is very exciting for the children but we want everyone to be safe as the sun's light can damage eyesight. The guidance on how to look at the eclipse is - don't! Official guidance is that people should use special filters to look at the sun or should record it. Obviously in school we cannot provide 250 special filters at short notice and we know that the children will look...we don't want to be 'killjoys' and black out all the windows either! All the staff will give guidance to the children to try not to look directly at the sun and if they do so to only do so for a very few seconds. Please talk to your children about keeping safe looking at the sun. We hope we can all enjoy this eclipse by being sensible!

### ***School ties***

Thank you for your responses about if you would like an optional school tie to be added to the uniform choice we have in school. Your family responses were that 25 said they did not want this new choice and 57 said they did want this new choice. We now need to get some samples to show the children and ask them for their opinions too. I will let you know what the children say!

### ***Summer Uniform / summer care***

We are not far from that warmer weather and more sunshine! I am sure that some of the children are already planning their summer uniform. A reminder that the children can opt to wear a summer dress. They have a choice of yellow or red summer dresses and they can be striped or checked. Some retailers now offer summer tops in the



same style as the dresses. These are acceptable and can be worn with a black skirt or trousers. Your child can opt to wear their summer uniform after the Easter break, which is fast approaching.

We have 3 water cooler fountains in school that the children can use to fill up their water bottles. In the hotter weather your child will need to bring their water bottle to school with them each day. Please label it clearly with your child's name. If your child needs a new water bottle you can choose to buy one from the school office for £1.50. Your child can bring sun cream to school with them each day. This should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Staff are not allowed to apply sun cream to children so we ask you to 'train' them to do this at home - applying sun to exposed areas such as the face, neck, arms, legs. Please, please be extra vigilant with ensuring your child knows how to do this. Sun damage to the skin is very, very serious and can lead to life changing illnesses later in life. We do not allow the children to share their sun cream as some children may be allergic to certain types of suncream. Finally, do get a sun hat for your child. A wide brim will help to shield the skin from the sun.

I know that I 'nag' you about this every year, but it is so very important.

### ***Hayfever***

At this time of year, we have an increasing number of children who suffer from hay fever. We can administer allergy relief medication and eye drops for these children and these medicines do not need to be prescribed. You will need to complete a medicines form for us to do this - they are available from the school office. It would be useful if we know if your child suffers from hay fever - each year we ask you to let us know by completing the slip at the end of the newsletter. Thank you.

### ***Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>***

Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> is the day of the General Election and our school is a polling station. For local elections we can remain open as the turnout is very low. A general election has a much higher turnout and we will therefore be closed on that day.

### ***Babies!!***

We had a visit from Mrs Williams last week with her lovely new son, Theo. He was such a lovely baby and the children were very excited to meet him. Late last week Miss Lloyd Jones from Children's club had a baby daughter, Poppy. No doubt the children will be equally excited when she visits! Congratulations to both members of staff.

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher

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### **Hay fever information**

My Child/ren below may suffer from hay fever:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_

If they suffer symptoms the following measure will help to ease them: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

