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Dear Parents,

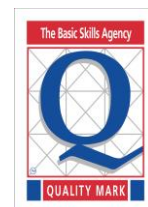
In the last week we have enjoyed assemblies from Cedar and Ash classes and the parents and children in the school have been treated to some splendid presentations. Last Friday it was Cedar Class where we were taken on a journey through space, we found out facts about the planets, watched some beautifully choreographed dance, heard a number of songs and were treated to a delightful morning. Today it was the turn of Ash Class with their theme of traditional tales. Today we were treated to a lively drama performance of The Three Little Pigs, the children's favourite story which was told through story and poetry. The children sang and entertained us with their joy of story and the excitement that they showed in their performance. Thank you to all the children involved.

Free fruit/vegetable scheme

The children in the Infant School are entitled to free fruit/vegetables and they are able to take a piece to eat at lunchtime. The fruit/vegetable on offer each day is different and ranges from bananas, apples, pears, tomatoes, carrots, grapes and just once there have been strawberries. We encourage the children to be healthy and eat the fruit and would like you to do the same at home, please. Any fruit that is not consumed that day (from the fruit box given to each class with 30 pieces of fruit in) is offered to the children to take home and consume. Again, please encourage your child to take a piece of fruit home as we don't want any waste.

School Dinner Selection

Your child selects their free school meal at registration in the morning and this information is sent to Paul, our cook, to create the exact number of meals that are required. The children are issued with coloured arm bands (the youngest children get issued the bands two minutes before they walk up for their meal) that correspond to the meal that they have ordered. Unfortunately, and only recently, 28 children have 'lost' their band and selected a different meal at the food serving hatch which has resulted in 28 children not receiving the meal that they selected that day. Therefore, we have quickly put in place a system of children without a band (whether lost or deliberately lost) go to the back of the queue for dinners and this may happen for any child arriving at the hatch without a band. This will be rectified once the children have been served and the electronic ordering system checked. Unfortunately, the electronic check cannot be done in the canteen so dinner staff need to take the children without bands back to the school and teaching staff need to access the system which all causes a delay. The children have all been reminded about the importance of keeping their band and yesterday we had two children without bands and hopefully, because it is worrying if you lose your band, we will get back to the status quo of every child arriving with their band and no child being delayed in receiving their correct meal. On the note of bands, if your child has inadvertently come home with a band then please send it back into school. Thank you



No thank you

No thank you to: Fidget Spinners, JoJo bows (excessively large bows), Earrings and inappropriate footwear.

Yes please to: Smart school uniforms and sensible shoes and a coat. Yes please to a sun hat and cream up your child at home when there is a forecast for sun. Staff cannot apply sun cream in school but they will encourage the wearing of a coat or a sun hat dependant on the weather.

School Garden

Thank you for the many home grown and purchased donations for our school garden and to go in the wellington boots. The children have had lots of fun and are becoming increasingly interested in what is growing.



Junior School Performance Information

Parents of Y2 children will receive a helpful performance information letter from Miss Jackson, Junior Head Teacher and Mr Bowles, the Chair of our Federated (joint) governing body.

Head Teacher's Challenge

Gardens, other people's gardens, window boxes, parks, roundabouts and the Moors are bursting with life in the form of leaf growth, blossom, shoots and flowers. How could you and your child capture the essence of this time of the year in picture, photo, poem, a piece of creative writing or small model? I would love to see them all and have some special stickers to distribute to all children who take part as well as the prize of having them photographed and placed on the school website. I have a creative band of children who always take part and I hope they will do so again but I would like to challenge all the children to make this the first Head Teacher Challenge that they have tried. Whatever the weather, it can be a great thing to do at the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher