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Dear Parents,

Castles, knights, lords and ladies dancing, castle facts, poems, songs and pictures on screen were just some of the delightful elements of the Willow Class assembly today. All the children performed confidently and showcased their learning to parents and the school community. Well done to all concerned – Head Teacher stickers have been allocated!

### Behaviour in the playground

Following an analysis of the parental questionnaire returns, concerns have been raised about behaviour of children in the playground before and after school. As Head Teacher, I share these concerns and want to highlight the issues so that we can achieve a better quality experience for all the children in the playground before and after school. Please can I ask every parent to play their part by:

- *Arriving in the playground no more than 10 minutes before the start of the school day (school starts for Y1 and Y2 pupils at 8.55 and for Foundation pupils at 9.00)*
- *To have your child(ren) under close supervision and to encourage them not to run around as the playground is very congested*
- *If using the basement area in wet weather conditions, it is imperative to stand with your child with no running around or shouting*
- *Leaving the playground promptly at 3.15 (Foundation Stage) or 3.25 (Y1 and Y2)*
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The beginning of the day is an ideal time for children to have a catch-up with their friends before going into class and a good time for parents to network too. With a calmer playground we can create a better start for everybody. Thank you.

### Healthy lunchboxes

If you choose for your child not to have a free school meal which is regulated for healthy food standards, please can I ask that you provide a healthy meal for your child in their lunchbox. Here are some tips: a) A good portion of starchy food such as a wholegrain bap, wholemeal bread chapatti, pitta pocket or rice salad b) plenty of fruit and vegetables such as apples, tomatoes, cucumber or carrot stick, fruit in chunks, a banana or a small box of raisins c) A portion of milk or dairy food such as a pot of yogurt or some cheese d) A portion of meat, fish or vegetarian alternative such as cheese, egg or hummus e) Please always provide your child with a drink of fruit juice or bottled water (which can be put in the lunchbox in a frozen state and will keep the food cool in the summer months) . If you want to put in something else of a sweet nature, please



think about flapjack, fruit cake or similar and please do not put in anything that can be purchased from a sweet shop.

New governors

In welcoming our new governors, I need to apologise for making an error with a name. We welcome M Shortcook and not M Short as I wrote last week.

Red Nose Day

Just a reminder to look out for red items to wear on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March when we raise money and dress up for Red Nose Day.

Head Teacher's Challenge

Please keep sending in your signs of spring pictures and photographs, maths challenges or any other fun activities that you get up to at the weekend that you would like to share with me.



Yours sincerely,

*E.A. Hill*

Head Teacher