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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy couple of weeks and much has been happening at school. Many of you were able to enjoy the food tasters in the playground last week. The carrot cake and quiche proved very popular and the biscuits and pizza got good reviews too. Many parents commented that they were impressed with the quality of the food and said that it tasted great and much better than when they were at school! Thank you to CaterEd, our meal school provider for running the taster session. I do hope that, for those parents who currently send in a packed lunch for your child, that you will feel confident to try the school meals (which are free for all children in the Infant School) and discuss/select a meal with your child at home so they can make a good choice at school.. The meals are cooked on site every day and use fresh, locally sourced produce whenever possible. Tomorrow the red main meal is Roast Gammon or a vegetarian option of veggie sausage both with roast potatoes and gravy. Both meals are served with vegetables and the pudding option is ice cream sundae or yoghurt or fresh fruit.

CaterEd have a space themed intercalactic lunch on Wednesday 10th October when Shuttle burgers, Nasa cheese wheels and Apollo brownies on offer.

School Trips

During the school year the staff are planning school trips (off site) and school experiences (on site) that are extra to the normal sessions but that are provided by the school. Rather than ask for funding for each trip, this year we are asking for funding in advance so that we can book the best opportunities and not have to cancel trips/experiences because insufficient funds have been collected. We are asking for £25.00 per child payable on 8th October as a lump sum or £12.50 paid on 8th October and then again on 5th November 2018. Payments will need to be made via the School Money system, you will receive texts and e mail notifications confirming your login details and passwords. Once all monies have been collected, the trips/experiences can be booked for the children. Please be aware that the cost of the trips for your child will always exceed the £25.00 that you are asked to contribute. Of the 38 weeks that we are in school it works out on a pro rata basis of just under 66p a week. Any child leaving the school before all the trips/experiences have been taken will be refunded accordingly.



Walking to the Moon

All this month we are participating in the inter-school walking to the moon initiative. Collectively the schools are hoping to walk for 79,000 hours which, I am reliably informed, is how long it would take to walk to the moon. As a school we will be clocking up the extra minutes that we walk in school or in the playgrounds and we are encouraging each school family to add up the minutes they walk each week. Every child can clock up the minutes and this can be doubled by each adult that walks with them. For example, a 9 minute walk to school and back each day is 9 x10 (twice a day for 5 days) which equals 90 minutes of moon walking for a child and 90 minutes per adult too. All you need to do is add up the minutes (no need to convert into hours and minutes) and send in minutes walked for the previous week on the following Monday. So, this week, add up your minutes walked in total and send in that total to your child's class on Monday 8th, 15th and 29th. The liaison book could be a convenient way of communicating or you could send in the minutes on a named piece of paper.

Photographs with siblings including pre school children

The school photographer will be back in on Friday 23rd November. We will be sending a booking form home nearer the time if you would like your school and pre school children to be photographed together.

No dogs are allowed on the school site at any time, please do not tether dogs close to the school gates as this can be unsettling for children not familiar with dogs.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill


Head Teacher