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Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf the children and staff for your great support at our summer fair and BBQ last Thursday. I am delighted to advise you that we raised £709.38 after expenses for the children's fund. We will be consulting with the children early next term about how the money raised at school events, can benefit their learning and how we might be spending some of it with them in the near future.



Fun Day Fun!

The children have enjoyed a fantastic fun day today. This was arranged as a celebration of their efforts, learning achievements, improved attendance and a very successful year at school. The children have enjoyed being entertained, learning about a range of interesting animals, cheerleading or football and lots of bouncing on the assault course. They have also all enjoyed having a picnic with their friends and the staff. It has been a pleasure to see their genuine enjoyment and happiness today.



After School Clubs

Football for Y5/6 this afternoon was the last after school club of this year. There will be no after school clubs on the last three days of term next week.

I am delighted that we have been able to provide such an extensive and varied range of after school opportunities for our children this year, most of which have not involved parents with any charge or costs. The children have told me how much they value their after school clubs and we will be doing our best to provide similar opportunities from September.



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School Meals – September 2014

I am pleased to attach our exciting new menu for our school lunches from September. There has been a slight increase of 20p per meal but they remain at a very reasonable cost of £2.20 each. There are some new healthy and nutritious options for your children to choose from.

If you wish your child to have a school meal from the first day of term, Thursday 4th September 2014, you will need to complete your menu choices and bring in your payments to Mrs Martin by the last day of this term, which is Wednesday 23rd July 2014.

Free Meals for Reception and KS1 children

As previously advised, all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be eligible for a completely free school meal every day from September.

This is a Government initiative for all children nationally in these classes and is not related to free school meals eligibility due to financial circumstances.

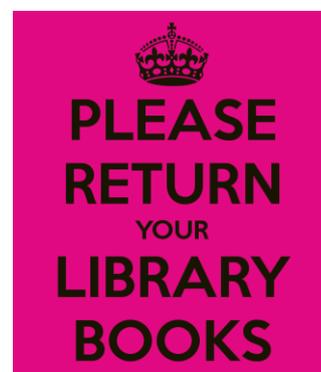
The government estimate that this will save families approximately £400 per child as you will not have to pay for a school meal or meet the costs of providing a packed lunch. This is a significant amount of money and we highly recommend that you do take advantage of the free meals for your child/children.

If you do wish to order meals for September, please come and complete a menu by next Wednesday. Mrs Martin will be happy to help if you have any questions.



Library Books

There are a significant number of library books that have not yet been returned to us. We have issued those families who need to return books to us with a reminder letter this week. Please return all books to school by Monday so that our librarian, Mrs Thomas can get them checked back in and have the library all ready for September when the children return. Thank you.



Monday 21st September 2014

All children from YR to Y5 will be spending the day with their new teachers for September on Monday. This is a very important day and really helps the children to prepare for any changes and to have a positive start next term. I hope that all children are in school on Monday so that they can enjoy this opportunity.

Carol Hines
Headteacher

