

Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been busy and is certainly beginning to feel like we are getting back to normal. Year 2 enjoyed a virtual visit to the National Gallery which was a great success and has resulted in some great follow up work. Our chicks all hatched and your children have enjoyed seeing them develop so quickly and so much interesting science and language has evolved from having them. Drumming has restarted for all children. Sean, our drumming teacher, is also running a Year 2 club after school each Monday - we still have a few spaces if you think your child may be interested. Today every child in the school took part in the National Daily Mile, they had great fun and are developing a good understanding of how to keep fit and healthy.

New Menu

This week we have also introduced our new menu, we worked hard with Accent, our catering company, to develop varied, healthy and tasty meals each day. We have a four week cycle so there is great choice. The Week 2 menu will be served next week, please talk to your child about the food they can expect each day. They are able to choose but it really helps if they have had a conversation with you first. Please also look out for the symbols on the menu which indicate whether the meal is halal, vegan, gluten free and so on. We apologise for any confusion with the chicken served on Wednesday which is usually halal, but wasn't this week. We have asked Accent to be consistent with this to avoid confusion. If and when we make any changes to the menu we will circulate the revised version to you, please find attached the current menu.

Parent Chats

It was lovely to invite you in for the parent/teacher meetings this week. They were really well attended and we hope you found them useful in helping your child's learning. We have been assessing the children and focusing on any gaps and we really appreciate how much you support your children at home. We are now offering some early morning interventions in each year group, your class teacher will be in touch.

Behaviour

We are currently having a whole school focus on behaviour. In particular following our golden rules, which are:

- We are kind
- We work hard
- We are gentle
- We look after property
- We listen to other people
- We are honest
- We make the right choices
- We try our best

Please could you discuss the rule with your child, this will really help them to understand and remember them. We do have to be mindful that your children are very young and they are still developing social skills, they are not yet the finished product and they will make mistakes sometimes. We understand that as a parent it is very upsetting to hear that your child has been hurt by another child, or is the one hurting others, please be reassured that we are experienced in dealing with this and the best way to help is by working together. We will inform you if your child is finding behaviour a little challenging and we will work together to find the best way to help them.

Head bumps

If your child has a bump to the head during the school day we will give them a hand stamp so that you know this has happened and can ask them about it. If the bump is slightly harder, depending on the severity we will call you or complete a green form giving more information on the injury and send it home in your child's blue bag. We check on all children who have received a head bump during the day. If you have any questions on this please ask us.

Coombe Connections

Coombe Connections Club is our Breakfast and After School provision. If you wish to request a NEW booking for Connections Club for next half term, please note our Booking Request Form is open from Friday 30/04/21 at 9.00am. Please see the Connections Club section in the 'Our School Family' tab of the school website. If you already have a booking in Connections Club, you do not need to submit a form - we will automatically roll over your existing booking to next half term.

DBS checks

As previously mentioned we very much hope to start swimming from Monday 21 June and as always this can only happen with a lot of parent help and support. We are so grateful to you for helping us with this. Please come to the School Office to apply for a DBS check, or ask us to put the application forms in your child's blue bag.

Traffic issues

There are a lot of roadworks locally at the moment causing heavy morning traffic and this has affected punctuality this week. Roadworks will continue over the next few weeks on Crown Road and elsewhere. Please do leave plenty of time to get to school in the morning so that your child arrives at their classroom door on time and can start learning with their classmates. Thank you.

Grow a Pound

Thank you for returning your Grow a Pound donations to school, we are so grateful for your support. Those children who took part will receive their seeds from CHIPTA soon!

Next week

Please remember the following for next week:

- **Monday** - Bank Holiday. School closed, no children in school

- **Tuesday** - Class group photographs. Full school uniform school even if it is your child's PE day.
- **Thursday** - School closed, no children in school (Coombe Hill schools are being used as polling stations)

We wish you a relaxing long weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry