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## Autumn Newsletter 4 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am sure that many of your children have come home talking about the new school meals; the feedback so far has been very positive with many children now choosing to have a school meal rather than a packed lunch! One reason for this increased take-up is the option to have the "Pick 'n' Mix" option which involves the children choosing 5 lunch items from a wide range of choices. This food is presented in 5 crates and children are able to choose one item from each crate, thus ensuring they have a balanced meal. The options include a choice of main item which will be a wrap, a sandwich, a baguette, a roll or similar and then there are two crates containing choices of fruit and vegetable / salad items, one with desserts and one with fruit drinks. Children take a small plastic basket and work their way along the crates making their selection of food items as they go. The "Pick 'n' Mix" menu is available on the back of the main meal menu if you would like to look in more detail. We would especially encourage any Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children who currently bring in a packed lunch from home to try this option as it is free for them and would save you time and money! The hot options are also proving to be very popular; the increased choice is one reason for this but also the portion sizes and quality of the food. An example of better quality is that on roast day this company actually roast a joint of meat and then carve it for the children – it is not pre-packed, sliced, processed meat! Many more staff are also now choosing to buy a meal at lunchtime. The serving area in the hall has also been revamped with new, attractively –coloured hoardings and backgrounds. There will inevitably be options that are not popular and so once we have trialled the 3 week menu through twice, these unpopular choices will be changed to try something else; with this company we have far more flexibility! Please do give us your feedback; the positives and negatives so that we can give accurate information to Edwards & Blake, the catering company.





Please remind children that they are not allowed to access or leave our school site via the car park gate; the week before half term we had a "near miss" when a child rode straight out of the car park gate without looking. Luckily the car coming into the car park was travelling slowly enough to be able to stop without hitting the child. The child's parents have been informed about this. We will also remind children in school. Thank you.



A reminder that we will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November as we have Pudsey Bear visiting the school in the afternoon. The theme of the event this year is "Rock the 80s" – so dig out those leg warmers, Wham t-shirts, shoulder pads, bright colours .....! The latter (bright colours especially fluorescent) is the easiest of these so if you haven't got anything that is particularly in an 80s style then wear some bright colours. We will be charging children the usual £1 fine that will go to Children In Need.



On the same day (10<sup>th</sup> November) we will be hosting our nasal flu vaccination session for all children in Reception up to Year 4. You should have all received the information letter about this. We need everybody to return the reply slip please so that we are completely clear as to whether you give your consent for your child to be vaccinated or not. If you have any questions or queries then please contact the office. Thank you.

We have now sent out the information for our whole school trip to the pantomime. This year we will be watching Jack & The Beanstalk at the Gordon Craig theatre in Stevenage. This is the third year we have run this trip as it is such a lovely chance to get almost everybody from school, staff and pupils, together for an event. Each year as we grow in numbers we take over more and more of this quite small theatre! Please arrange to make your payment(s) as detailed in the letter. Do contact us if you have any questions or queries.



Kindest Regards

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