

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy and exciting first couple of weeks two the term. All pupils have settled in well, particularly our new Reception Class who are starting full time today.

### **The KITCHEN**

The Offham Café has been an enormous success. Our school dinner numbers have doubled and the children and teachers are greatly enjoying the choice of food. I have been having school dinners on a daily basis and would definitely recommend that your child gives them a go; they are delicious.

Remember if your child is in KS1 they are free! If your child is in KS2 you must pay by the end of each week, otherwise they will not be able to have school dinners until the debt is paid.



Mrs Price our chef is talking to your children on a daily basis on the food and using this we are adapting the menu to ensure they are enjoying the food, while it remaining nutritional balanced. Please see attached the revised menu for the next two weeks.

### **KITCHEN COMPETITION**

Today your child will come home with a paper plate and sheet to design the Kitchen's new name. For the plate we are asking your child to design the meal they feel the kitchen should serve on our Grand Opening Day, the 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please ask your child to draw the meal on the front of the plate and on the back write what the meal is and their full name. Mrs Price and I will choose the winning plate and this will be served on our Grand Opening.

For the Kitchen's new name, please ask your child to design a name for our new kitchen. The winning design will be painted along the front of the kitchen by a professional company.

To ensure ordering of food and the painting to be completed in the half term all plates and designs must be in by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016



WHAT WILL YOU DESIGN?

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October is our Harvest Festival. We will be having a split KS1 and KS2 celebration as last year where the children will perform a range of songs. Parents are invited. Each child is asked to bring in one item of food to display during the festival and the PTA will then box these up and Year 6 pupils will deliver the food in the afternoon to the elderly people in Offham. To ensure we do not end up with 211 packets of biscuits please could you choose an item linked to your child's year group:

Rainbow: Fresh or canned vegetables

Blue: Fresh or canned fruit

Red: Bread/rolls/crackers

Green: Drinks, tea, coffee, fruit juice, squash

Purple: Biscuits, chocolate and cakes

Orange: Jarred food, such as jam, olives, marmalade, pickled onions,

Yellow: Packets, cook in sauces, gravies etc.



Anything else you would like to donate as long as it is in date!

## E-SAFETY/ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week will be the 16<sup>th</sup> November more details will follow closer to the time. However attached is information on a Parental E-Safety Talk. This is a fantastic talk that I would encourage all parents to attend. Our children are becoming increasingly computer literate and are leaving many of us behind, so this is a really useful event to recognise the dangers but also the strengths of living in a computerised age.



## ROALD DAHL

Just a quick reminder this week is Roald Dahl week, culminating in dress up day on Friday and the Revolting Cake Sale and Competition to win Roald Dahl Books. All monies raised from the cakes and the £1 for dressing up will go to the Roald Dahl's Children Charity, so please do not forget your pennies for this great cause.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

While your children are enjoying cakes why not come and enjoy some too! On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September PTA are running the MacMillan Coffee Morning. This was a really enjoyable event last year, so if you can provide a cake or just pop along for the morning it would be lovely to see you there.

## **CAR PARK**

We have been running the morning "Car Park Drop Off" since January and I am very pleased how many people have commented on how well it is working. Not only for dropping off and reducing traffic congestion, but also if people do need to stop and come in to the playground/office they can park more easily.

Because cars are coming on to school property the Governing Body has to carry out a risk assessment and as always with these it highlights some "little rules" we all have to abide by to ensure nobody gets hurt or injured. I am sure you will agree with me that most of them are just common sense really.

- When children are dropped off in the coned off area they will be directed to go through the gate and down the ramp into the playground where they will be closely monitored.
- All parents coming on to the playground can you please use the steps and not the ramp and then stay on the playground closest to the office. In that way pupils who use the drop-off system can be closely monitored.
- Please ensure that children being dropped off in the car park drop off area get out of the near-side door by the cones so they don't have to walk around the car to get to the safe zone. (If you have a car seat for younger children please can that be placed on the off-side so that children getting out are able to get out on the "safe side.")
- Please can you tell your children that they cannot go running back into the car park to meet friend or crossing the road after they have been dropped off. Although we will be giving the children a safety message talk in school, please can you also tell the children as well of the dangers of them doing this.
- Please don't park in the disabled parking space unless you really are disabled. We do have people coming to the school to bring and collect children who are disabled and really need to use this space and sometimes someone has thoughtlessly already parked in it and it is not available to those who really needs it.
- As for me, I now have to wear a laree florescent jacket which doesn't match any outfit I have in my wardrobe or to be honest are ever likely to have. So please wear your Sunglasses on rain or shine!

I would like to thank you for your co-operation in advance so that we can continue providing the drop off.