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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations!

100% attendance certificates were given to teaching staff in assembly today. There were the following:

Cherries	16
Apples	5
1H	11
1S	16
2D	6
2M	12
3W	12
3S	10
4J	15
4D	9
5PE	17
5PR	12
6B	15
6O	8

Congratulations to Ms Palethorpe's class for fabulous attendance – closely followed by Mr Jones', Mrs Stacey, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Balan's classes - and thanks to all parents and carers for getting children into school on time, every day.

Attendance in the month of May

It is vital that ALL children, regardless of year group should have full attendance during the month of May, because it causes considerable administrative issues for teaching staff otherwise. This is the case every year so please bear this in mind when booking any appointments or holidays.

No Packed Lunches please in The Orchard, Year 1 or Year 2 - Thursday 17th January

Some schools have taken a decision not to have any packed lunches at all in EYFS or KS1. That is not a decision we are taking at present, however it is vital for our budget that we have all children who are entitled to a Free School Meal taking up that entitlement on School Census Day on 17th January. Even if your child is a very fussy eater, we will make sure they eat enough on that day. Thank you for supporting our school budget by NOT providing any packed lunches for children below Year Three. The menu for this date is;

Thursday 17th January 2019

Choose a main...*Beef Burger in a Bun & Chips OR Veggie Nuggets & Chips*

On the side...*Baked Beans or Salad and Ketchup*
For dessert...*Sticky Toffee & Apple Sponge with Custard or Melon Slices*

For a drink...*Blackcurrant Squash, Milk or Water*

If you do choose to provide a packed lunch on this date, please write a short note to the school office

explaining that you do not wish for your child to take up their free school meal entitlement for the foreseeable future.

Warm Coats

Wednesday was extremely cold all day and we had a number of children in school adamant that they did not have a coat to wear. This took up staff time during breaks, because children needed to be accompanied to cloak room areas to look, before then searching lost property. Please could parents reinforce the message that coats should be worn in cold weather and always ensure there is a warm coat in school. Children may be outside for a total of 40-50 minutes daily, during a 15-minute break in the morning and a 45-60-minute break at lunch time, and we do go out in all weathers. The Department for Education has provided schools with advice regarding pupil activity and 'getting soaking wet in the rain' is one of them – we would not encourage that in winter obviously!

Could you help us?

We really do need more people willing to supervise our play spaces during lunch play. We need reliable adults who enjoy working outside. If you do not have an enhanced DBS check this can be done free of charge through the school office by Mrs Stalker, Business Manager. You would be engaging children in play and offering advice and support to children experiencing friendship difficulties, or helping children remain calm if they are hurt in any way.

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement?

Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Ms Reece's attention and I'll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Candida Reece, Head teacher

Forthcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

15 th Jan	Deadline for online applications for children starting school in Sept 2019
17 th Jan	Census Day
4 th Feb	Y4 Trip to Plumpton College
12 th Feb	Y3 Trip to Plumpton College
18 th Feb to 22 nd Feb	Half term
25 th Feb	Inset Day
26 th Feb	Children return to school

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1 st March	Y6 Parents informed of their child's secondary school allocation by email
7 th March	World Book Day
12 th March	Parents Evening/FLC till 5.30pm
14 th March	Parents Evening/ FLC till 6.30pm
Week of the 11 th March	Scholastic Book Fair
5 th April	Last day of the Spring term
8 th April to 22 nd April	Easter holidays
23 rd April	Children return to school