

19/04/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good Easter and at least some time to take a break.

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to come into school to support pupils. If you haven't yet received your Volunteers' Pack, this can be obtained from the office. Please return your DBS application form together with supporting ID to Mrs Pitchford.

On Thursday of this week, pupils will take part in a '**Chance to Shine**' cricket session which has organised by the Shropshire Cricket Board. A cricket coach will work with each class to develop their skills and enjoyment of this sport. Please could children wear their PE kits, which they should arrive in on the day.

I have attached information and forms for **wrap-around care** in this correspondence. Please could you ensure that these are returned by the end of Thursday if you haven't already requested a place. As some outdoor after-school clubs are introduced gradually this term, you will be kept informed.

Further to the previous newsletter, booking forms will be emailed to you this week for **parents/carers evenings** which are due to take place during weeks beginning 10th and 17th May, via Microsoft Teams or telephone. These should then be returned by **email or hardcopy only** to barrow.office@taw.org.uk. Please note that we will not be able to take bookings over the phone.

Over the Easter holidays, we have been busy getting **the school site** ready for this term: amongst other things, a new path around the offices has been laid and the decked areas outside Elm and Ash class have been made safer with non-slip grippers. The traffic slowing flashing lights on the road approaching the school have been up-graded and are now operated remotely to maximise safety.

Thank-you again for your contributions to the **school lunch survey**. A summary can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [School Lunch Survey](#).

The responses were constructive and recognised how hard our cook, Emma Richardson, works to deliver well-cooked, balanced meals to the children within the constraints of a budget single-handedly.

Most people, whose children regularly opt for school lunches, are happy with the menu choices. A significant number of parents/carers would like to see more choice on the menu and larger portions for older pupils. Some really helpful ideas for improvement were expressed in the survey, such as themed days, inviting parents in to eat, providing a variety of deli food and children creating their own menus. Some parents/carers of older children

thought that the portion sizes should be increased. Emma has some excellent ideas of her own and is keen to work with us and Shire Services to explore ways of serving the community more meals in the future. This term, look out for themed meals and picnics outside - to include parents/carers.

Meanwhile, we have gained a good insight into what you and your children would like to see on the menu. We will be meeting shortly with Shire Services to discuss the results of the survey and formalise plans. We shall keep you up-dated.

Class photographs will take place outside, weather permitting, on Tuesday 4th May.

As we can never quite be sure of the great British weather, please ensure that your child has been provided with sun-cream and a hat, as appropriate.

You will be pleased to hear the exciting news that our nesting birds have now laid over a dozen eggs and are being very attentive; we hope to have some updates to share soon!

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson (Headteacher)