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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a thank you to those parents who came along to our Parents' Forum to share their views on our 'Healthy Schools' strategies. The governors and the school leadership take your views very seriously and whilst we cannot adopt every suggestion made, we always try to act on any that we can. This week we have introduced a new labelling system for pupils having school lunches. They are encouraged to have a balanced meal by choosing a portion of protein (Δ), some carbohydrate (\square) and most importantly vegetables, salad or fruit (\circ). Hopefully by labelling food types, it will make it easier for our younger pupils in particular to choose a balanced meal. We will also be meeting with the catering company to discuss the puddings currently on offer.

Fruit/Vegetable Snacks

Don't forget that whilst KS1 receive a fruit or vegetable snack every day at school, KS2 pupils are encouraged to bring in their own fruit or vegetable snack to keep them going throughout the morning. Please note, that although technically the chocolate bean is a tree fruit, it does not in this instance count as a *fruit* snack!

Sports Update

One aspect of our Healthy Schools status which is clearly flourishing is our sports participation. This week there were matches for our girls' football team, boys' football team and the netball team! The girls played an excellent game of football, but sadly lost 4-1 to Wheatfields. On Wednesday evening whilst the girls battled against Prae Wood on the playground, losing 1-0 despite consistently having possession of the ball throughout the game, the boys were playing football against London Colney Primary on the field. The opposition played well, but their many attempts at goals were suitably rebuffed by our defence players. When the final whistle went, the score was a very creditable 2-2 draw.

Cakes for Cancer Research

Katie in Year 6 was keen to raise some money for Cancer Research UK. She organised a cake bake after school, including sorting out bags and a float, and encouraged friends to help by baking or buying cakes for sale. It was a great success and raised £160 for this very worthwhile charity. Our Twitter followers will know that Cancer Research UK tweeted their own 'thank you' to Katie via Windermere's twitter account.

Twitter

We regularly tweet information and photos on our Twitter account which can be followed on @WindermerePS. Don't worry if you don't have a Twitter account, the school's website has a direct link, so you can catch up with all the gossip on there!



Christmas Fair, Saturday 6th December 11am – 1pm

Preparations are well underway for this next exciting event in the school diary. Helpers are very welcome, please contact the PTA if you are available to lend a hand.

You should all have received raffle tickets for the school fair, please return ticket stubs and money together with any unsold tickets to the school via the box outside the office.

Today was the first of two non-uniform days. This week was for chocolates and bottles, next Friday is for Sweets in a Cup.

Please come along on the day to support the school. Accompanied primary age children (and younger) get free entry. There will be games to play, crafts to make and Santa to visit.

Christmas in a Shoebox

Are you creative? Do you have a good imagination? Do you have nimble fingers?

At this year's Christmas Fair there will be an opportunity to show off your creative talents. We will be running a competition for children to create a festive scene – Christmas, snowy or wintry activities – the choice is yours, but the entire scene must fit within a shoebox or similar sized box.

There are three age group categories: KS1 (including Reception), Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. There is an entry fee of 50p, with prize-winners receiving a share of the entry fees.

Please bring your entries and entry fee either to school on Friday, 5th December or at 11am on Saturday, 6th December.

Christmas Play

15th December – 1.30pm afternoon

16th December – 6pm evening

17th December – 6pm evening

That seasonal essential – The School Christmas Play – has started rehearsals! Information about tickets and timings will be sent out at the beginning of next week. The children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will require only a plain black T-shirt and black trousers/leggings. Year 6 should wear plain white T-shirts and blue jeans. Children who need more specific costumes will be given details separately.

Parent Consultations

We have now finished our parent consultation evenings for this term. Having two 'after school' sessions seems to have been well received by parents, so we will repeat this for our next meetings. However, teachers would prefer to have the meetings closer together, albeit not in the same week so that marking books remains manageable. We will look at this when we review the arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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