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Dear Parents and Carers,

Now this term is well underway, we hope you have had our updated diary dates through and the year group curriculum letters with all of the key information.

Hot Food Service

As you are aware we have been working with Caring Cooks this term to introduce the new hot food service. This is progressing well- although as you would expect there have been a few teething issues to overcome. The children have been great at getting used to the new lunchtime routines, and trying the new food. This is very much a 'culture change' for our lunchtimes, so it is fantastic that so many children are enjoying the food and are exploring new foods- some parents have reported that they are trying food that they had previously shunned at home!

What is great about the Caring Cooks model is that the food is freshly prepared locally each day in their kitchen, and it is designed very carefully in line with the 'gold standard' nutrition guidance from Jersey's Public Health department...even the ketchup is homemade! Given the limitations of our building, the Caring Cooks model is the only one possible for our school.

Our staff have also been working incredibly hard to ensure the lunchtime service works well, and helping children adjust to the new routines. On our busiest days, we have around 200 meals served within 45 minutes...which gives you some indication of the challenges involved! The children have been great...calm and well-mannered, as you would expect from our wonderful children.

We understand some parents have raised concerns about a few aspects, which to some extent is inevitable given the scale of the adjustments needed and the fact this is all so very new in our school. The portion sizes are definitely adequate now...there is plenty of food! However, whilst most children are happily giving things a go, some are not as keen...and this is meaning not all plates are cleared...and probably means some of those children are feeling hungry later. This will always be an issue with any hot food service: with lunchboxes, you can design the content to exactly suit your child, this cannot happen with hot food, and especially to start with, none of us know what will go down a storm or not with each child...its all trial and error! Rest assured our staff team always encourage children to try new things, and eat a little more if they seem to have left a lot...but we will never put pressure on, just encouragement. Children are not allowed to get up and put away their plates until an adult has checked, this is just so we can monitor children who are not eating much.

To help make things run smoothly, we recommend you:

- Talk to your children about what they have liked a lot, and what was 'ok' and what they didn't like...perhaps print the menu out and keep a record of this. This will help you decide what to order next time.
- If you know your child really does not like a certain day's food, send in a packed lunch on that day.
- Keep encouraging them at home to try new foods and talk to them about their successes...there are definitely children that have tried new foods and enjoyed them, which means you could also do them at home!

If you are concerned about anything to do with the menus or food, please contact Caring Cooks directly as we at school have no control over this.

If you are worried about whether your child is eating enough, or something else to do with the organisation of lunchtimes, please contact your class teacher, who can inform the lunchtime team. With a full hall, we are not able however to monitor each child every day.

In line with our advice on any concerns, please talk to either Caring Cooks directly, or to us...please do not use social media to raise concerns, as this will not address the issues raised.

Changes following my Secondment

This is the first week of my new secondment to the Education Department. From now on I will not be in school most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, but will be in Mondays and Fridays. On the days I am not in Mr Gibaut will take over the full running of the school. He will be supported by the SLT (Mr Steigenberger, Mrs Nolan, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs Le Couilliard and Mrs Reed).

Our Safeguarding Team will look similar, but Mrs. Le Couilliard, Mr. Steigenberger and Mrs Deacon will take on a larger role. Mrs. Deacon will also be looking after attendance.

I have every confidence in Mr Gibaut and the SLT and I know that the school is in great hands when I am not in. The team will keep me up to date on my return each Friday.

As a result, I am afraid there are one or two changes to the PE timetable coming up. These are necessary to enable the school to run smoothly and for all classes to have their entitlement. We do not foresee further changes after this for the rest of the school year.

Other Updates:

- School run clubs start this week.
- We will be wishing Miss Thomas well as she starts her parental leave at the end of this week.
- Casting for Make Do and Mend will be completed this week, with rehearsals starting next week.
- Thanks to ASHBE Construction for commissioning and delivering our INCREDIBLE story throne...and working to put up our renovated poly-tunnel so we can get growing again! **We will soon be on the lookout for some green fingered volunteers to help us get this up and running...if you are interested let us know on... admin@lamoye.sch.je**
- Look out for PTA events this term...Movie Night before half term, and Bingo before Easter!



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Baudains".

Mr. J. Baudains,
Headteacher

