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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week! I have been able to see lots of great teaching and learning including solving dinosaur problems with Beech class; presenting persuasive adverts in Oak (very Young Apprentice!) and even finding messages from out of space with Maple! We have also just started our new lunch arrangements and the reactions from the children and adults are resoundingly positive. As with any new idea, there will be teething problems, but with such a positive attitude and so much help, particularly from members of Oak class, we will soon have a lunchtime that is just as much fun as lesson time.

I am very pleased to say that, following a thorough audit of our systems, our Safeguarding procedures are in line with current regulations and expectations. As with all things there is always room for improvement and it is my aim that we will always try to meet the highest possible standards of provision for our children. To this end we are now locking the school gates at 8.55am after parents leave having dropped pupils off. They will be reopened shortly before 3.15pm. We are required to keep the access points to school as secure as possible at all times during the day. If you arrive late in the morning you will need to enter through the main school door, via the office.

Administering Medicines:

We are no longer able to administer ANY medicine to pupils in school. If your child requires medication you will need to arrange to fit the doses in around school time or visit school at the appropriate time and administer it yourself. This includes ALL TYPES OF THROAT SWEET. This does not affect children who self administer asthma medication and must have their inhaler(s) available to them in school; or children who have a medical services supported care plan in place for a chronic medical condition. Please ask if you need clarification on the procedure.

School Meals:

We have been notified by Food with Thought, the school meals service, that they are only able to provide packed lunches rather than a cooked dinner to pupils in exceptional circumstances and not as regular orders.

Reminder:

Please could all money coming into school be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, reason for payment and amount. Thank you.



We have an exciting project planned for the whole school next term. Mrs Driver will be working with everyone to design and make a permanent wall hanging for the entrance to school. We have the main materials we need, but in order to make the art work as beautiful as possible, we are asking if anyone has any of scraps, small pieces of material, yarn or embroidery thread that they could donate. Anything, however small will be very gratefully received.

Finally a reminder about the Panto. It's on 24th and 25th February. Please return your ticket orders, **with payment included**, as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to another successful tea party on Friday, Oak class are visiting the Synagogue in Maidenhead and it's only a week until Yenworthy! Thank you for your continued support for school. Have a lovely week.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Woods
Headteacher