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Mill Messenger



Universal Free School Meals - How lunchtime has changed:

This term the government have provided all children in Reception to year 2, the option of taking up a hot lunch free of charge. This is going really well and lots of children are now benefiting from this scheme.

All children, in all year groups, have a 20 minute allocated slot in the hall. If they do not finish their lunch in this time they are allowed to stay and finish it and are encouraged to do so.

The difference in the organisation is that instead of bringing in a third of the school at a time, we bring in the children a class at a time in KS1 and a single year group in KS2 5 minutes apart.

We have had some boys in KS2 trying to go out sooner than their slot, to get more playtime in and therefore not finishing their lunch. We are working on this and are checking that children are eating the majority of their lunch before they are allowed to go out. Please let us know if your child is coming home not having eaten their lunch.

Please ensure that your child agrees to what they have in their lunch box and are part of choosing this so that they are happy to eat it. Also please don't overfill lunchboxes. Some children have got enough food for an adult lunch and struggle to finish it all! It is a balance. Remember no chocolate bars!



Rewards: Our school behaviour policy is all about catching children being good and rewarding them for making good choices.

The children get stickers in KS1 and ticks

in KS2 to acknowledge positive actions or learning. They also collect marbles, shells, or buttons to go into a class reward jar.

We have Golden Time once a week for 30 minutes where children get to chose an activity to do for making good choices.

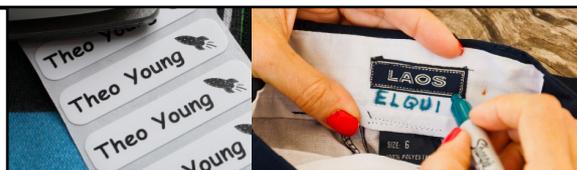
Each teacher also chooses 1 Star of the Week for a child who has tried particularly hard that week, or an 'always' child who always makes good choices, or for an improvement in behaviour.

All of these rewards are about ensuring that children get the positive praise they need every day to become confident individuals—children seek attention and we want to give them the right attention that they deserve.

The experts say you need to say 3 positive things for every negative if you want your child to be emotionally positive and develop confidence in themselves.

Do you manage 3 to 1?

First Stars of the week: Chelsy Rabouine, Franklin Blackman, Safia Doyle, Cory Girling, Ranveer Pratap Singh, Sara Vu, Toby Arnold, Harrison Smith, Saif kaufid, James Dean Glasheen, Janneh Williams, Ryan Payne.



PLEASE label ALL **uniform** and **lunch boxes** with first and sur-name - this is the only way that we can tell which sweatshirt belongs to which child.

'Hoodies' are NOT school uniform. Children need to wear school sweat shirts or / and jackets as the weather gets colder.

Welcome meetings:

Each team has arranged an opportunity for parents to come and meet the teachers and find out about:

Y6 Wed 24th Sept 2.30pm & 5.30pm

Y5 Thur 25th Sept 2.30pm & 5.30pm

Yr4 Tue 23rd Sept 2.30pm & 5.30pm

Yr3 Tue 23rd 9am Thur 25th 5.30pm

Yr2 Tue 23rd Sept 2.30pm & 5.30pm

Parent consultations on increase to pupil numbers at The Mill and other schools in the area—please see website for full document. Consultation closing on the 14th October

