



Updates – 18th September 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing with information / reminders that we don't want to leave until the next newsletter.

Reading

The number of reads needed to meet the target this term was missed off the recent letter so here it is.

To meet the target of an average of 3 times a week over the term, children need to have read 17 times. We are counting this from Friday 8th September to the close of school on Wednesday 18th October. (Children going on the residential trip to Lee Abbey need to have read 14 times.) An average of five times a week will be 27 reads for the term (Lee Abbey 22).

Coats

Please send your child/children to school with a coat **every day**. At this time of year we want the children to be outside at break and lunch time when it's raining lightly. Children without coats cannot make the most of playtime because they have to stand in the shelters.

Snack / Lunches

We want to confirm the 'rules' (We prefer expectations) about what children can/cannot have as a snack or in their packed lunches.

The *only* food that is 'banned' is chocolate. This includes all chocolate coated biscuits and anything with chocolate pieces in it.

There is no rule about crisps but we discourage children from having them every day. We are a 'healthy school' and do not want to lose this rating so please provide your child/children with a variety of savoury snacks in their lunchbox. Lunch staff will comment if they notice children having crisps every day.

Our lunchtime staff have noticed that some children have chocolate spread and a chocolate yogurt and we again discourage overloading lunchboxes with too much sweet / chocolatey food. Where we think children's lunches are overloaded with sugar we will again comment and suggest some alternatives.

The school sells snacks at break time each day for 30p. These foods meet the statutory guidance about what foods schools can give to children. If you want to send your child/children in with their own snack ... again it is **no** chocolate. We suggest fresh or dried fruits, healthy cereal bars or plain biscuits.

We encourage all children to bring a drinks bottle to school but insist that this contains **Water**. This is due to both discouraging sweet drinks but is also due to the sticky mess left behind by juice and squash. Children can have a separate drink of your choice with their packed lunch and we encourage cartons / small bottles.

Mr J Smith

Mrs V Joy

Acting Heads