ADDITIONAL NEWSLETTER WB 23.3.15

Shotton Hall Primary School -working together to SHINE Successful, Happy, Inspired and Nurtured towards Excellence

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The New School Food Standards

New statutory School Food Regulations came into force on January 1st 2015 and these apply to our school including the after school club and breakfast club. The standards set out the requirements for school lunches and any other food provided before 6 pm. Exceptions to the regulations include parties to mark religious or cultural occasions, fundraising events, rewards for achievement, good behaviour or effort, when teaching food preparation and cookery skills, on an occasional basis by parents or pupils.

Foods High in Fat, Sugar and Salt

Schools still may not provide confectionary including cereal bars at any time of day. Cakes or biscuit can be served with lunch but must not contain confectionary. The category of deep fried foods now includes those coated in batter or breadcrumbs.

Starchy Foods

Starchy food cooked in fat or oil can now only be provided on two days per week rather than three. At least three starchy foods must be provided each week including at least one whole grain variety.

Fruit and Vegetables

At least one portion of vegetables and at least one portion of fruit must be provided every day. At least three different vegetables and three or more different fruits must be provided every week. A dessert containing at least 50% fruit must be provided two or more times each week.

Meat, fish, eggs, beans and non dairy sources of protein

A portion of food from this group must be provided every day. A portion of meat or poultry must be provided at least three days per week. Schools must now provide a portion of a non dairy sources of protein three or more days per week to ensure that vegetarians are offered a variety of dishes.

Milk and Dairy

Lower fat milk must be available every day.

Healthier drinks

Fruit juice is now limited to 150ml per serving. All fruit and milk combination drinks are limited to 330ml servings. **Flavoured water is not permitted** but flavoured milk can be if certain conditions are met.

Food served outside lunchtime

Croissants and flapjacks are not permitted, bread type products like crumpets can be served at any time.

Our partnership with Taylor Shaw

We are working very closely with Taylor Shaw our school meals provider to ensure we offer our children the very best meals possible whilst working within the new law which is complex and challenging. Meals that are proving to be less popular may be slightly changed to make them more appealing where possible. We plan to have a taster session next term for all pupils to try some new and different recipes.

We believe hot meal prices are still very competitive and provide excellent value for moneynursery meals are not subsidised by the government and therefore are at slightly greater cost. We encourage our children to treat meal times as a social event where they can sit with and chat to their friends and teachers. We also teach all children to eat politely with good manners, clear their trays and respect others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION : http://www.schoolfoodplan.com











Dates for your diary			
date	Year group	event	notes
Monday 23.3.15	Year 5	Swimming	All bring costumes, caps and towels
Monday 23.3.15	Years 3/4	Good ambassador disco	Change into disco clothes at lunchtime– bring £1.50 for snack pack
Tuesday/Wednesday 24.3.15/25.3.15	All pupils	Parent consultation by ap- pointment	3.30pm -5 pm Main hall
Wednesday 25.3.15	Pre school	Easter concert	In small hall
Thursday 26.3.15	Year 6	Forest schools day	Wear outdoor clothes and footwear
Thursday 26.3.15	Year 1/ 2	Good ambassador disco	Change into disco clothes at lunchtime– bring £1.50 for snack pack
Friday 27.3.15	Year 5/6	Good ambassador disco	Change into disco clothes at lunchtime– bring £1.50 for snack pack
Friday 27.3.15	Last day of school before Easter break	All pupils	
Tuesday 14th April	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SUMMER TERM (Closed on Monday 13th for staff development)	All pupils	

Many of our events are weather permitting and are organised at the last minute because we like to take part in as many initiatives as we can. Sometimes we rely on outside providers to tell us about events so this is often at short notice. We will text and send out class letters for events as well as inform you via this newsletter.

CHANGE IN MENU PLEASE NOTE DUE TO THE LOW UPTAKE OF VEGGIE MINCE IN WEEK ONE IT WILL BE REPLACED WITH JACKET POTATO WITH TUNA OR CHEESE AND SALAD. We are working closely with Taylor Shaw to ensure we offer appealing and nutritious meals for our children.

MISSION STATEMENT

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SUCCESSFUL—We will support your child to be a confident and successful learner who achieves their very best in all they do. We will enable them to develop their skills and talents and reach for the highest goals. We will respect your child as an individual, support them to explore and justify their viewpoints and carefully monitor their progress in learning across all aspects of the curriculum. We will work as a team to plan exciting and innovative learning for them which will interest them, be meaningful and inspire them to learn.

HAPPY-We will make sure that all children are allowed to grow and learn and enjoy the unique experience of being a child in our school. We will encourage them to wonder at the simplest of things and reflect on their understanding and attitudes towards others. We will encourage them to be respectful, kind and thoughtful friends and to help others less fortunate than themselves. Our state of the art building will help pupils to enjoy learning both indoors and outside and we will look forward to each new day and be excited to learn more about our world.

INSPIRED-Your child will experience a broad, exciting and relevant curriculum which is meaningful and important to young minds. As part of our curriculum, we will develop community partnerships, promote a sense of enterprise and help our children become confident communicators. Our creative and ambitious approach to learning will be underpinned by sound educational principles influenced by current thinking and research. We will work secure in the knowledge of what is right for our pupils and provide a firm foundation for future learning, enabling all children to develop into assured, independent, lifelong learners.

NURTURED-Adopting the values of the UNICEF Rights Respecting Award, we will build strong relationships with our children and their families, friends, neighbourhood friends and beyond. We will engender trust and respect and recognise the uniquely privileged position we are in when working with your children. We will be excellent role models and work closely with parents and carers to support all children to grow into good citizens able to make a positive contribution to society as adults. We will provide a safe environment, listen to our children's views and value and act on the things that are important to them.

EXCELLENCE-We will work together to 'reach for the stars' and create a community that strives for excellence, achieving the highest possible standards in all that we do. We will be proud of our collaboration and achievements and celebrate our successes. We will support all our children to become experts in their chosen fields and encourage, nurture and guide them to achieve and realise their dreams and ambitions.