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Dear Parents,

School council have been working very hard this year on ways of improving school for their fellow pupils. Recently, they visited a local primary school to collect ideas on how to improve lunchtime. They were very impressed in particular with two ideas which they would like to put into place here at Wycliffe. Both of the ideas are tried and tested in other schools and will aim to ensure a better lunchtime experience for the children whilst at the same time reducing waste.

Lunchtime Bands

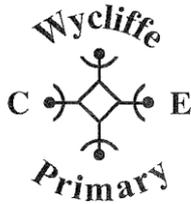
As of 12th June, the way in which children choose their school dinner will change. The new system is that the children will pre-order their main course in the morning during the dinner register. The week's menu will be displayed in each classroom with a colour attached to each main course choice (colours TBC). During the register each child will say the colour attached to their meal choice which will be recorded in the dinner register instead of simply opting for a 'school dinner'. Children will then receive a coloured band matching their coloured meal choice so the kitchen staff knows what to serve them at lunchtime. Every child will end up with exactly what they ordered which will hopefully eliminate waste and satisfy the children.

It is important to mention that there is a wide selection of fruit and salad available in the dining room's salad or fruit bar. During our PSHE lessons in school, we will be learning a lot about fruit and vegetables and why healthy eating is important for our wellbeing. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your children to add a little healthy extra choice to their plate alongside their meal.

Lunchtime Tokens

In order to further eliminate waste, another successful method used in other schools is lunchtime tokens. The purpose of these tokens are to encourage children to eat more of their dinner, ensuring that they have adequate energy for the afternoon's learning and reducing waste.. Also starting on 15th June, children will have the opportunity to earn a token for eating all of their lunch or trying to eat most of their lunch. Children will not be forced to eat it, simply encouraged to try and eat a little more where necessary. We understand that there will be different circumstances affecting the amount eaten but with the new band system everyone should be eating something that they like because they will have pre-ordered it.

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This will reduce the amount of waste and also set the children up happily for an afternoon of learning with full tummies. Tokens can also be earned for displaying positive behaviour in the dining room such as putting rubbish in the bins, walking rather than running, using good manners etc. These tokens will be given immediately to the child who can then place them in a special tin (designed by School Council) for their class. At the end of the week, the amount of tokens will be added up and the class with the most tokens will be announced in Friday's Celebration Assembly. The winning class will win fifteen minutes extra playtime the following week.

School council are very passionate about these ideas so will be monitoring and reviewing how effective they have been and making amendments where necessary, keeping the best interests of their classmates at heart.

If you have any questions regarding the new systems please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Miss Rawling and Miss Oakes

On behalf of Wycliffe C of E Primary School Council

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