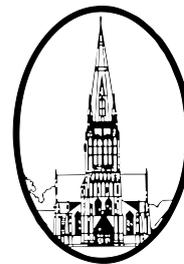


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5th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, we sent a letter and held two meetings where we consulted with parents on our food policy in the summer term. Following this consultation a revised food policy was developed.

This was shared before the summer break and has again been emailed to parents this week.

As I know you are all very busy and may not have had the opportunity to read it, I wanted to summarise the key things that you will need to know.

- In Years 1 - 6, children can bring **1 piece of fruit or vegetable to eat as a snack** at break time if they wish.
- The school is a **water only** school, with the exception of the free milk entitlement for all Early Years pupils and fruit juice provided at breakfast club. Water is provided so that children can keep hydrated throughout the day, however children can bring water bottles.
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- We welcome any parents who would like to send in **fruit for their child to share with the class on their birthday**. We do not allow chocolates, sweets and birthday cakes or party bags for birthdays. This is because the school cannot easily monitor the contents and quantity of these items. The school recognises the importance of celebrating birthdays and special occasions. For birthday celebrations, all children will have a song in class and wear a birthday sash / badge (if they wish).
- Due to a number of children and adults with allergies to nuts, **St Mary's is a nut free school**. Please refrain from providing nuts in lunches or snacks.

Thank you for your support with encouraging healthy lifestyles at St Mary's.

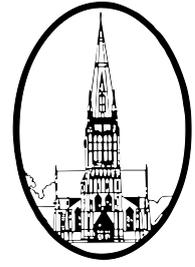
Similarly, we asked parents their views on clubs and how we could improve them.

We listened to the views that were shared with us and amended our clubs and procedures as follows:



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- We have lengthened the number of weeks that clubs run for from 10 weeks to the length of the term (minus the first and last weeks). For instance this term clubs run for **x** weeks, starting next week.
- We have not increased the cost. Each session costs £3 as before.
- We have tried to have more of a variety of clubs.
- We prepared and shared club information with parents last term (for this term) to enable parents to more easily organise child care in advance.

So far we have only had two children signed up for clubs, even though it was advertised before the summer holidays!

Unfortunately, unless our numbers increase significantly, clubs may have to be cancelled.

I'm sure many of you want your child to attend clubs and have yet had the opportunity to inform us. If this is the case and you would like your child to attend a club you must sign up and pay by the end of this week at the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Jane O'Brien

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