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LUNCH MENU – WEEK 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you have had a lovely summer and enjoyed the wonderful weather we have been experiencing. We would like to welcome our new Reception children and families and look forward to seeing you in Team assembly next week. In Collective Worship this week we remembered our school motto and vision together;

At Sheering School, where
Everyone Matters,
we work together to be joyful, to flourish and to succeed.
We celebrate the uniqueness of every child in our school community because,
We are God's masterpiece.
Ephesians 2:10

and talked about our targets for the year. We were excited about all the new topics and activities planned and will share these dates with you next week.

Once again, I would like to thank you for preparing your children so well for their return to school. They have settled so well, with the right learning attitude and correct school uniform. PE lessons will resume next week (the class teachers will inform you of the days) so please check that your child's plimsolls/trainers and (plain) shorts/leggings still fit.

Attendance

During the period following lockdown when holidays were cancelled, we were more understanding about holidays being taken. However, Essex County Council and Ofsted are now urging schools once again to remind parents about their Attendance policies and procedures. Please refer to our Attendance policy on our website and be very clear that we will be fining parents if holidays are taken in the first weeks of term, during the assessment period in May/June and if the children have missed 10 sessions within a 3-month period.

Financial Support

As we know, we are entering a period where the cost of living is increasing each day and we haven't got to the winter months yet. If you need financial support and are not sure what to do, please speak to us at school and we can support you in applying for financial support. Even if your child(ren) is in Early Years or KS1, where universal free school meals are still available, and you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

you can still apply for Pupil Premium, which will provide additional funding to help the school to support your child (Pupil Premium Grant). To see how this money is spent and how it will support your child in school, please see our Pupil Premium report on our website.

We look forward to another wonderful school year together,

Mrs Lorna Brittain