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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week. I hope you found the chance to speak with your child's teacher as useful as we have found it to talk with you about your child's progress, whilst they are on their journey at Sythwood.

The Nursery have had lots of new children join us this week. They have settled in well and enjoyed exploring our topic of 'Did dragons exist?' The children have been learning the different parts of a castle as well as drawing castles with their fingers in shaving foam.

On Tuesday, I was amazed and delighted by the wonderful work Year 5 were doing as part of their IPC topic about Fairgrounds. Year 5 brought in a range of junk modelling from home and created different fairground rides. This was the starting point to their new topic and I know the children are excited about the trip to Lego Land, which will enrich their learning in this topic.

Next week we are having another of our "Leave Your Lunchbox at Home" days. We made the decision some time ago to offer these days twice a year so that all our children are given the opportunity (free of charge) to share a delicious meal with their friends. A hearty, healthy meal at lunchtime can have a really positive impact on children's willingness and ability to learn in the afternoon, as well as teaching them important social skills when they all eat together. So often we hear parents say that their child is "too fussy" to eat school dinners but, to their surprise, this often changes once their child has taken part in this lovely meal and children frequently ask to leave their lunchboxes at home every day. Remember, school lunch is free for children in Years R-2.

Text messages informing you if your child has a place at one of our extracurricular clubs have been sent today. I am thrilled to say that we are offering 28 different clubs this term, which means we are able to offer the children a huge variety of exciting opportunities to learn new skills and enjoy themselves. As well as free staff run clubs (some of which are invitation only) we have also invited in some carefully chosen external providers to offer paid-for clubs to extend the range of sport, performance and craft we can offer.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Matheson

Mrs N Matheson

Sythwood Primary School
Great Learning, Great Challenge, Great Fun!



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2018?

The closing date for Reception applications for September 2018 entry is **15 January 2018**.

Online applications are encouraged, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.



Thanks to your generous donations collected after our Christmas productions, we raised £182.51 for MSF. Your money will go towards helping save lives in war-torn countries around the world.

THANK YOU

This half term in assemblies, we are looking at the Wheel of Well-being. We will be learning about different ways to promote health and happiness. Why not have a look at home?
<https://www.wheelofwellbeing.org/>

SYTHWOOD IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be aware that there are some children and adults in our school who could have a life-threatening allergic reaction if they come into contact with nuts.

We need your help to keep everyone safe.
Please do not send your child to school with **ANY** foodstuffs which contain nuts.

This includes:
Peanut Butter sandwiches
Chocolate Bars/Sweets containing nuts
Nutella sandwiches or dips

We also ask that you carefully check the ingredients list of any cereal bars that you include as snacks or lunch for your child.



DIARY REMINDERS/AMENDMENTS

Leave Your Lunchbox at Home Day—Please note that this is on THURSDAY 18th JANUARY, not Tuesday 16th as stated on the calendar which was sent out in December.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 19th January 9:15am – Beech class assembly

Friday 26th January 9:15 am – Cedar class assembly