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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, we would like to take a moment to share some updates and celebrate all the wonderful experiences our children have enjoyed.

School Values

We have spent this half term working really hard on our shared school values. As you know, the children have been allocated to House Teams and have been working together to gain tokens for demonstrating these values. It has been incredibly close, and today the winning team will be announced in assembly. The winning house will then vote on what they would like their reward to be.

Communication

A reminder that parents and carers should not enter the main school building at the start or end of the school day, or when dropping off for Breakfast Club. This is for safeguarding reasons, as everyone who comes into the building must be signed in at the office and issued with a visitor lanyard. We understand that there may be times when you need to speak with a member of staff. If this is the case, please contact the school via telephone, email or app message, or come to the front office and a member of our team will be happy to help. We appreciate your support in helping us to keep all of our children safe.

Healthy Snack Reminder

To help all children feel their best and stay focused throughout the school day, we kindly ask families to provide healthy, low- or no-sugar snacks.

Great snack choices include fruit, vegetables, yoghurt and cheese.

Items such as crisps, chocolate and biscuits are not suitable for school snacks. Unless you have a prior agreement with the school, these items may be set aside and returned to children at the end of the day.

Sugary and highly processed foods can cause quick energy spikes followed by crashes, which may leave children feeling tired and less able to concentrate. Research also shows that too much sugar can affect memory and attention, making learning more challenging.

Thank you for working with us to support healthy habits and help your child thrive at school.

Changes to Tuck Shop

After the half term break, our Tuck Shop will be offering a refreshed selection of healthier options.

Children will now be able to purchase one item per day, with each item priced at 50p.

Our new menu will include:

- Apples
- Bananas
- Easy peelers
- Mini breadsticks
- Apple Soreen
- Organix Raspberry & Apple Soft Oaty Bars
- Bear Fruit Splits (Pineapple & Raspberry)
- Raisins

We hope these choices will support our pupils in making nutritious snack decisions throughout the school day.

A Busy and Exciting Half Term

The weeks have truly flown by! Alongside their regular curriculum learning, our pupils have taken part in a wide range of enriching activities.

Early Years

Reception children have been exploring traditional stories such as *The Gingerbread Man* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. They even enjoyed tasting gingerbread and porridge as part of their learning!

Sporting Achievements

- Some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils successfully took part in Bikeability.
- A group of Year 5 and 6 children represented the school at a Sports Hall Athletics event at West Notts College, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Eco Group Success

Our Eco Group has completed several wildlife-related activities to achieve their Bronze RSPB Wild Challenge certificates and are now working towards their Silver award. They also visited Mansfield Museum to see the Green Heroes Exhibition, which we were proud to be part of.

Enrichment & Opportunities

- Year 5 and 6 welcomed visitors from the NTU and Capital One, who delivered engaging sessions about finance, the world of work and attending university.
- Our Pupil Parliament visited Mansfield Library to hear a talk from our local MP.
- Mish Mash Theatre performed *Ruby's Worry* for EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 — a brilliant experience funded by the District Council's Palace Theatre.

- We have also been selected to take part in the Royal Society's Science Book Judging Competition. By Easter, 12 Year 6 pupils will have read all six shortlisted books and debated their favourite — what an exciting opportunity!

And we can't forget the disco. It was also wonderful to see so many children having fun at the Winter Disco, rearranged from Christmas — a fantastic evening enjoyed by all!

Next half term, we will be focusing on developing independence skills and supporting the children to show determination as they grow in confidence and independence. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging this at home as well.

I'm sure you will agree, it has been an incredibly busy and rewarding half term. We are very proud of all our pupils and the enthusiasm they continue to show.

We look forward to another exciting term ahead!

Kind regards,

Mrs Susie Graham
Headteacher