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Dear Parents and Carers

Responses to Starting School Questionnaire

Thank you very much for completing the Starting School Questionnaire, which was sent out to our Early Years parents last week. In total 83% of the cohort (25 families) responded.

In completing the questionnaire, you were asked if you had any further questions. The purpose of the letter is to answer the questions you asked.

How do I know what my child is eating?

Each day there is an option of either a meat or vegetarian meal. On some days, baked potatoes are also available. If your child is regularly not eating a sufficient amount of food at lunchtime, we will contact you to make you aware and agree a plan going forward. Copies of the current menu are available from the school office on request.

How will I know how much my child is eating?

The adults that are in the hall monitor what the children are eating. If an adult has any concerns they would share this with Miss Stanton who would contact you.

Why are we not receiving paper copies of the home learning when we received a flyer about Harvest donations?

For pupils in EYFS, all communication and home learning activities are sent out via Class Dojo.

For pupils in Years 1 – 6, home learning is now set via Class Dojo (Years 1 – 2) or Google Classroom (Years 3 – 6). The reason for this approach is to reduce the number of items coming between home and school. This approach also prepares pupils and parents for blended learning. Blended learning will be in place if a pupil, family or cohort have to isolate due to COVID – 19. Providing home learning in this way, ensures that children and families are familiar with the approach.

If paper copies of the home learning would be beneficial we encourage parents and carers to inform their child's class teacher.

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What does my child receive a Green Dojo for?

At South Bersted Church of England Primary School, we use a positive behaviour management approach. To ensure a consistent approach, which is underpinned by our vision and values, and high expectations, pupils across the school receive Green Dojos for:

- Aiming for Excellence (academic achievement),
- Acts of Kindness (demonstrating the school's values),
- Perseverance (effort towards their learning which is above and beyond what is expected).

How are we expected to use the reading diaries?

Please record in your child's reading diary when you read together and write a comment saying how they got on. Starting after half term the children will hand in their reading diaries in the morning and an adult will look to see if they have read the night before. If they have read then they will get a sticker on our sticker chart. If you read every day in a week and get five stickers then your child's name will be entered into a class book raffle where they have a chance to win a brand-new story book. To be in with a greater chance of winning this, you have to read five times a week to get your name entered in the raffle.

In school, your child will read to an adult twice – once will Miss Stanton and then again with Mrs Pillay. Both adults will record an entry in your child's reading record. In addition to this, Mrs Yates will also lead a group reading session and she will record when this takes place.

Thank you for your questions. I hope you find the responses to the questions helpful. We hope that you found watching the phonics lesson and the Talk for Writing lessons on Class Dojo beneficial in supporting your child's learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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