

longer be funded for “duty” meals. I am hoping that they will be as understanding as our Governors were.

However, this cannot be something that we promise to sustain year after year. School funding really is being stretched to the maximum. This year an allocation had been made for adult duty meals and this money will now be spent on cutting the cost to you for your children’s meals. Next year is probably going to be very different – I cannot provide you with any commitment that this will continue, I just hope that it helps enough to make a difference to your meal choices this year.

Other school meal news:

Next Wednesday our School Council will meet with our new cook and the area manager for SIPs to discuss any changes that they would like and that may be possible to make to the new summer term menu.

We have purchased two octagonal tables (Mrs Gilbert made me choose one purple!). From the beginning of the summer term, children who stay for school meals will take it in turn to sit and eat their dinner with a member of staff. This will be a “family service” style, rather than waiting in a queue at the counter, but children will still get their choice of food from what is on the menu that day. As often as possible Mrs Gilbert and myself will be the adult at the table, helping children to serve food as at a family dining table. If this is successful, we will consider buying more octagonal tables.

I know that there have been times that school meals haven’t pleased all children. There is no doubt that big improvements have been seen in terms of portion sizes, choices available to all children and “seconds” whenever they are available. I hope that this letter will give you some understanding that although meals are not always in our control, I/we continue to try hard to improve things.

DON'T FORGET:

From **MONDAY 1st APRIL** a school meal will cost **£2.10** per day and **£10.50** per week

Yours sincerely,

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