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Dear Parents,

On the reverse of this week's newsletter is the school lunch menu for terms 3 and 4. It will be published on the school website over the weekend too, but I know it is always nice to have a paper copy.

Miss Milborrow has asked me to thank you to everyone who took part in the Extreme Reading Christmas Challenge! Please take a look at all the fantastic photos on display near the hall! Winners are as follows: Glow-worms – Carter Bates, Camels – Aliciana Cave, Fireflies – Zara Phillpott, Foxes – Mia Esposito, Elephants – Bethany Giles, Dolphins – Harry Phillpott, Sealions – Emmeline Lambourne, Terriers – Jake Bint, Donkeys – Oliver Wassall
Baboons – Isla Killelay and Pigeons – Ellie Ridley.

I hope that everyone received their letter this week about our 'Free School Lunch' offer next Thursday – the menu will be a burger / veggie burger, diced herby potatoes and beans followed by a cookie / yoghurt or fruit. There is no need to apply for the lunch – just remind your son / daughter to ask for a school lunch on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who has made on concerted effort this week to arrive before gates close at 8:45am – it has been much appreciated. Please continue to work to ensure your child is in school by 8:45am, it is so disruptive for them (and their class mates) if they walk into class once lessons have started. Thank you.

There seems to be a significant outbreak of head lice in school – especially in Years 1, 2 and Reception. Please can I ask you to check your child's hair this weekend and once you have treated it continue to check, it is unusual that the head lice and eggs will both be 'gotten rid of' in one treatment. A parent has recently recommended a head lice treatment that is easy to use and very effective. It is called Vamousse. It is not a cheap product but very effective. Currently it is on sale in Superdrug for £11 – usual price is £15.

Looking on the NHS website they recommend a low cost way of treating head lice by suggesting you: *Wash hair with ordinary shampoo, then apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do) and comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends. This usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.*

If we all work together I hope we can sort the outbreak out!

Have a good weekend,

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