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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, it is already the end of the second full week of term! And it has been another good week.

The particularly good news is that **we have been able to appoint a Deputy Headteacher**. It reflects the quality of candidates, interviewed on Monday, that the panel had a difficult position about who to appoint. After much deliberation they chose to appoint Mr Holton.

**Mr Holton is in a leadership position in his current school and will bring leadership and teaching experience with him as he becomes our Deputy Headteacher.** The appointment is subject to all the usual checks and, because of the way teacher contracts and notice periods work, he will start here in January. Between now and January you and your children may well see him school as he is very eager to begin getting to know everybody and to prepare for January. Mr Holton says that, **'I greatly enjoyed spending my time with the children and staff of Mistley Norman on Monday, and I am looking forward to starting work with you all in January!'** and his current headteacher says that we are lucky to have him.

I have seen the **children enjoying the PE** teaching we have arranged for them to have with Mr Carvalho. Mr Carvalho also leads PE and sports at St Osyth. I once had a PE specialist inspector compliment the teaching of Mr Carvalho – and if it's good enough too illicit that compliment it's exactly the sort of teaching we want here.



### **Food Glorious Food!**

We are being well supported by Riverside Fish and Chips to enable us to change the school meal we can offer children every Friday. **From next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, the main course of our school dinner will be provided by Riverside, each Friday.** The menu for Friday's will be on a three-week cycle as below, with week one Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. We will order the deserts for each Friday through St Osyth's catering account – one of the ways that we can improve things at this school through the partnership with St Osyth. I hope you agree with me that the children should love these new Friday school dinners and that it is good for us to work in partnership with a local business to improve what we can provide the children with.

Week 1 – Cod Chunks and Chips

Week 2 – Sausage and Chips

Week 3 – Nuggets and Chips

The alternative option of jacket potato with cheese, tuna mayo or baked beans will also be available every Friday.

All ordering of school dinners remains exactly as now, through School Money. We are able to introduce this new provision without changing or complicating the way in which school dinners are ordered and paid for. We are also able to introduce this new provision at the same price as school meals are going to be.

As a result of rising costs to the school I am afraid that the price of a school dinner is increasing from £2.20 to £2.30 – still a lot cheaper than a Macdonald's Happy Meal. This increase comes into effect from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. We have delayed the introduction of this increase, to help parents with any costs they have with the start of the new school year -new uniform, PE kit and such like.

Lots of us love chocolate but...

A few children have brought in actual chocolate bars, for example Bounties, as part of their packed lunches. Chocolate biscuits, such as Penguins, are allowed in children's packed lunches for schools but **chocolate bars and sweets should not be in children's packed lunches** for school. I thank you, in advance, for your help with this.

Best Regards,



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(Headteacher)