

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

After a fabulous Macmillan Coffee Morning last week, I am delighted to tell you we raised a staggering £660.44!!!! I am blown away that this was achieved when we are such a small school - thank you so much for everyone's contributions!!

Next week we will be celebrating 'Hello Yellow' - a national initiative to show young people they are not alone with their mental health! A letter will be coming out with more information, and we'd love all our pupils and staff to get involved as it's obviously a cause close to our hearts!

Finally, please can I make a plea regarding outstanding school meal debts. There are an increasing number of pupils that have outstanding payments for meals that have been purchased at school. We are obviously a small provision, and we manage our budgets very carefully to enable us to subsidise the many enrichment activities and trips that we do. If we have to use our funds to pay off meal debts, then we will find ourselves in a position where we will have to curb the fun activities we do and that the children benefit so much from.

Moving forward, until parents and carers settle the debts, we will be limiting the meal choices available to these children, rather than them having access to the full range of meals our catering company offers. It makes me very sad to do this - but we are unfortunately not in a position to pay some of the bills that have been left to accrue.

If you have any financial concerns and need further advice or guidance, please contact Mrs Powers, our Family Support Officer, who will gladly meet with you to find a solution. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

We are also currently exploring cash free systems as well, to help alleviate this issue and make it easier for all parents and carers.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, the forecasters say it's going to be a warm one!!

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