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Dear Parent/Carer

Recently we were awarded the Southwark Healthy School Bronze Award for both schools within our Federation. I have been concerned because on the one hand we are saying we are a Healthy School, but on the other, we are giving your child an unhealthy, sugar laden dessert at lunch time. Therefore I have decided to remove “desserts” from our lunch menu from next week. This is in keeping with the Swedish nursery schools that we visited over half term where the emphasis is on a balanced, nutritious lunch and no dessert, because children do not need this.

We will also be making milk available at lunch time so it is doubtful we will have milk to donate at the end of sessions. We will provide yogurt, fruit and cheese when it is available through our partner charity FareShare. If any parent or carer wishes to donate additional fruit (which may be left at our reception) they can be sure it will be appreciated and shared with the children.

We are always looking for ways to improve our teaching and following a recent review of group times we have decided to reduce the number of children in each group. We have now created eight story groups each with two members of staff. To help in the smooth running of these improvements we need a few more minutes at the end of the morning session so would like to confirm that we will be opening the doors at 11.30 am rather than the previous time of 11.25. This enables us to complete our story sessions and separate the groups into those who are staying for lunch and those who are going home and get them in the right place for you to collect them.

We will shortly be sending out details as to how you can get involved in our Summer Carnival – until then – Best Wishes

Lynne Cooper – Executive Head Teacher