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Ruishton Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and to a New Year. We are experiencing a few problems with **school dinners**, which we can't solve very easily. We are getting a number of menus coming in late and children often arriving without sandwiches, and asking if they can have a school meal instead. Unfortunately spare meals are not catered for, and late menus cause a number of issues for the suppliers. Lite Bite meals do NOT have a pudding choice and anyone on free school meals must choose a main meal! Please do not send school meal children with extra food... it's either sandwiches or a meal, not both. The charge is now £2.10 for Key Stage 1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) and £2.25 for Key Stage 2 (the rest!)

It's nice to see the new **playgroup building** finally in use. It is a wonderful addition to the school. There is still much to do in terms of ground reinstatement as you can see but it will happen. Poor weather and a very high water table don't help.

Our new **notice board** doesn't work as there's a design fault with the hinges and it now appears that the company may have closed, which is more than the notice board does. Soon, after some gentle redesign with a hammer, it will be in use!

M and M productions are coming to school on Monday to present "**Cinderella**" to us all. These productions are very expensive but extremely good. We will not be seeking a contribution as the PTA are covering the whole cost. We have also taken delivery of a PTA funded **greenhouse**, which will be erected as soon as we can find the time. The school has now become a signatory to the national "**Learning outside the Classroom Manifesto**". We have a suite of computer programs for which we have bought a commercial licence to enable you to copy them onto your PC at home. Some of you may have "**Textease**" but if you don't and want to install it please see me.

In the next letter we will have the final **INSET** days for the year, as I just await some information to allow me to set them in tablets of stone. You are welcome to attend my final assembly of the week at 2.45 every Friday. I can't promise that it's the best thing since sliced bread, but we do have occasional guests who add to the interest!

**Half term is the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Neil Dalton