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Dear Parents

We welcomed Michael Loft to the school this week. He is one of the new GAP students. If some of you recognise the surname and then, on seeing him, think that he resembles a former GAP you would be correct as he is the brother of Jessie Loft who left us just over a year ago. He will be spending some of his time in the Junior School. Another new face is Nick Woodward who will be with us for the whole of this term.

Some Year 5 children have enjoyed sampling their Tudor style gingerbread this week. As the name suggests, it is gingered bread bound up with honey, rather different from the sort you buy in the shops. Year 6 tested it in their science lesson and found that it was very rich in sugar and starch. Continuing the food theme EYFS made pirate biscuits as part of their work on pirates.

At the end of last term the children sampled roller hockey and this week twenty of those children decided to join the roller hockey club on Tuesdays after school; I have a feeling that we are going to be seeing a lot of bruises.

KS2 are now playing hockey and football in their games sessions although the girls need to keep their netball skills on the boil as there are some netball tournaments at the end of term as well as netball and football matches next week against Dormer House.

Looking ahead to the end of term the choir is busy practising for the Quaker Choirs Festival at St Mary's Church, Banbury on Saturday 31st March. As we are the host school it is good to see that a few more children have joined the choir.

A PSFA meeting was held on Tuesday and the following two events were agreed. Please put these dates in your diary: Thursday 8th March - Pie and Quiz Night (tickets are £5 adults £3 children) and Saturday 24th March - Easter picnic at school. Further information and tickets will be available soon.

Next Friday our Celebration Meeting is being led by Year 6 and is followed by a cake and second hand uniform sale. Please come and support both events.

Patsy Howes

Some like it plain

At Sibford School our catering team strives to provide a healthy and varied diet. We aim to give our pupils the opportunity to experience a wide range of foods and on occasions experiment with new flavours.

We are aware that some of our youngest pupils prefer a simpler offering and therefore we plan to introduce some plain fare to our lunchtime menus. In future the normal main dish will also be produced without the associated seasoning. For example, if we are serving chicken in a cream and mushroom sauce we will also provide some plain chicken.

Because we want to encourage our pupils to enjoy variety in their food, these plain options will not be on display.

This offer will only be available for Junior School pupils who should ask the chef serving the food if they would like a plain option. If you are concerned that your child may not be confident enough to do this please feel free to speak to their teacher who can then advise catering staff accordingly.

We acknowledge that initially it may not be easy to accurately estimate the demand for this provision but hope that over time we can tailor this accordingly.

Cooking Club

We are making flapjacks so please bring in a suitable sized tin. If you wish to add anything to your basic flapjack mixture you are welcome to bring in any other ingredients

Homework Questionnaire

We would like to begin to analyse the results of our questionnaire during week beginning 30th January and would therefore be grateful if you could return them by Friday 27th January. Thank you to those of you who have already done so.

Future Dates for your Diaries

January

Monday 23 rd		Y6 Interviews with Michael Goodwin
Wednesday 25 th	9.00 am 2.30 pm	Y1/Y2 visit to Coventry Cathedral U10/11 Netball v Dormer House – Home U9 and U11 Football v Dormer House – Home
Friday 27 th	3.40 pm 4.15 pm	Y6 Interviews with Michael Goodwin Celebration Meeting in the Oliver Studio – Y6 presenting Cake and second uniform sale
Monday 30 th	10.00 am	Open Morning Y6 Interviews with Michael Goodwin
Tuesday 31 st	4.00 pm	Scholarships U11/10 and U9 Rugby v Kitebrook - Home

February

Thursday 2 nd	2.30 pm	U9/10 Netball/U9/U11 Football v Cokethorpe School (Away)
Friday 3 rd		Y6 Interviews with Michael Goodwin