



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term; I do hope you all managed to enjoy the holidays despite the stormy weather!

I am delighted to advise you that we have been contacted by the National School Breakfast Programme, which is funded by the Department for Education and run by Family Action to support schools in England to provide children with a healthy breakfast at the start of the day.

As a result, we have decided as a Federation, to take part in this fantastic initiative and so from next Monday 28.02.2022, we shall be offering **every child** across the Federation, **FREE** healthy bagel portions on their arrival into their classrooms on a daily basis. As you are already aware we offer a 'soft start' to the school day, which enables our pupils to arrive at school between the following times:-

Winterton Church of England Infants' School Pupils: **8.45am and 9am**
Winterton Junior School: **8.45am and 8.55am**

Every child will therefore have the opportunity to enjoy their healthy bagel portions within this arrival period within the social setting of their classroom as part of the school day. Clearly having a bagel portion is entirely optional, so if your child would prefer not to take part that is perfectly fine, they will just come into the classroom as normal. However, Family Action states that it is committed to supporting child development, and they believe a healthy school breakfast, without barrier or stigma, can set up children to succeed and give them the very best chance to learn. In addition to this, we believe that the 'soft start breakfast period' will also contribute positively to our pupils' wellbeing including the opportunity for social interaction with their peers and the adults in their classroom. We therefore very much look forward to sharing breakfast with your child from Monday 28th February 2022.

On to other news now. Miss Barker, who is usually found in our Nursery Unit, is moving on to further her career in a new school, and will be leaving us on Wednesday. We are very sorry to lose Miss Barker and wish her all the very best in the next part of her career journey.

I am also delighted to be able to offer huge congratulations to the Downs family, as Mrs Downs has safely delivered a new baby girl just before half term. Both Mrs Downs and baby are doing very well, and I am reliably informed that Mr Downs is becoming very proficient at nappy changing once again!

Finally, because of increased traffic accessing the car park behind the Old School Hall, we have finetuned the one-way system at the Infants' site. The one-way system is still in operation around

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the school but we would now ask that you exit as well as enter via the pedestrian pathway to ensure everyone keeps as safe as possible. The school staff carpark will continue to be closed during the start and end of the school day to assist in the smooth running of the one-way system. Many thanks in advance of your continued support for this slight change.

Hopefully we shall soon be able to look forward to some pleasant, warmer weather, lighter nights and a potential reduction in COVID restrictions.

With very best wishes

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