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Dear Parents/Carers,

As some parents may be aware, there has been little change to our current breakfast and ETC1/ETC2 sessions over the last 12 years. We have recently been able to invest in some equipment and materials for our Extra Time Club.

With this in mind, and considering the implementation of our new curriculum and the government's planned review of wraparound care and changes from 2026; we have now created a wraparound care solution, which we believe is tailored directly to the enrichment of our pupils current learning. It will also benefit their general welfare and relaxation outside of the core school day, offering a colourful friendly and welcoming environment.

We are thrilled to welcome you to The Fox Den! Launching Tuesday 7th May 2024

As you will see there is a price increase on all sessions. This is due to the value added to each session, such as extra time, snacks and breakfast, as well as more enhanced and diverse materials and equipment for the children to enjoy during each session. The afternoon session times, have also changed slightly, as detailed on the second page. With our future sustainability in mind, we will review our costs for each session annually and prices may fluctuate in line with our running costs.

Our fabulous Fox Den Club leaders, Miss Burt & Mrs Gammidge have been working closely with our new curriculum to ensure that the new Fox Den timetable links as many activities as possible to the current curriculum topics. There is now a wide range of high-quality toys for the children to enjoy if the planned activity is not something they wish to join in with, as well as a quiet reading corner and lots of opportunity to draw, colour, and write should they wish to.

When the weather permits, we will spend as much time as possible outside, with our new playground activities equipment and adventure area.

We would like to remind parents that the Fox Den will run at a zero-balance covering our costs only. If any surplus monies were to be accrued, this would be channelled back directly into the Fox Den. The children will be asked for their input to future purchases.

Our aim is to provide a sustainable and high-quality wrap around care, with our pupil's enjoyment and enrichment at its core and we sincerely hope our parents and carers will continue to support the Fox Den, knowing that our pupils will thrive in such an enriching and enjoyable environment.

From Tuesday 7th May 2024, our Fox Den Sessions will run as follows:

Breakfast

08.00 – 08.40

£2.25 per child

Children will be offered breakfast before class and given the opportunity to complete any school-based homework or reading. We offer a more relaxed free flow structure to our breakfast sessions to enable children to prepare for the school day ahead in their own time.

Afternoon Session 1

15.15 - 16.30

£4.50 per child

Upon arrival each child is offered a biscuit or small snack, a drink and a moment to themselves to relax before activities begin. This session will be extended to bring it in line with the end time of our after-school clubs, allowing parents of siblings some time and cost savings by being able to collect children from both after school clubs and from the Fox Den at the same time.

Afternoon Session 2

16.30 – 17.30

£4.50 per child

At the start of this session, children are offered a snack, for example, toast with a choice of spreads, or on 'Food Thursdays', they can also enjoy the food they have prepared.

Please also note that children are not permitted to eat their own snacks from home as we provide a plentiful and diverse range of foods such as salad, cheese, fruit and rice cakes, dietary requirements are taken into consideration.

Weekly Activities

Monday - Science

A range of fun science activities and experiments will be available for children to get hands on and enjoy.

Tuesday – Arts & Crafts

We will have a variety of arts & craft projects for the children to get involved with, this will include decorating boxes, stones and making cartoons.

Wednesday - Messy Play & Crafts

We use sand, clay and other materials which is lots of fun. We also focus on making seasonal crafts such as decorations for the Summer Garden Party and our Summer Celebrations.

Children have recently enjoyed making and erupting a papier mâché volcano, which has then linked to the following week's science.

Thursday - Food Day & Board Games

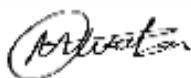
Board games are a great way for children to interact with each other and learn to take turns.

We have a wide range of board games including chess, Ludo as well as more lively games such as tumbling monkey and bingo. On a rotational basis, we will have a food-based activity, recently the children have been making vegan ice cream and pasta salad.

Friday – Free Play

This will be a Free Play and games session, which will give the children the freedom to choose an activity, as well as play outside.

Kind Regards,



Mr M Watson
Headteacher