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Dear Parents/Carers

We are very lucky at High Ash to have our own school kitchen to offer a range of home cooked foods for the children to enjoy. We've got new some dishes planned for September as well as some of the old favourites, and over the winter months we'll be bringing back hot puddings which is always a highlight.

Since 2014, all children in Foundation and KS1 have been entitled to a free school meal. The school is given a grant by the government, the final amount is determined by the number of pupils booking a meal on Census Day – this year its Thurs 3rd October and it's a day when the school needs to report lots of things to government, including school meal uptake. If your child is Foundation or in KS1 it is really important you book a child books a meal on this day as it makes a real difference to the school. For every child that does not book we lose £480.

As I'm sure you understand from your shopping at home, food prices have been going up a lot recently. Like you, our catering team have been shopping around to try and find the best price and have made sure the choices available are as efficient as possible without cutting corners on the nutritional standards. Unfortunately, we have no option but to increase our prices for KS2 meals by 5p to £2.55 from September 2023. As I'm sure you appreciate, the economic climate is very uncertain with food prices changing rapidly. We don't envisage any further change to the price this academic year but will let you know well in advance if any change is needed. We still believe school meals offer both a good choice for the children and are an efficient option for parents.

Please find the autumn menu attached with this letter. We have made sure one of the children's favourites is on the menu every week, so that's dishes like chicken curry, spaghetti bolognese, pasta & meatballs or sausage & mash. We're also trying something new for Mondays too – a lot of parents have been asking for a meat-free Monday which we're going trial in September, but on these days we're going to offer an extra choice with a pasta bake and then pasta with a tomato sauce or pasta with a cheese sauce, plus the normal jacket potatoes. We'll use a different pasta shape each week so the children begin to learn about all the choices on offer and have some fun seeing the different shapes every Monday.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the catering team and they will do their best to help kitchen@highashschool.co.uk.

Thank you as always for your support – we looking forward to sharing more recipes for some the children's Ash Tree favourites.

Yours sincerely

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