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You mentioned about letting you know how well children eat their meals at lunchtime	We encourage the children to bring home their rubbish in their lunchbox to enable you to see what they've eaten. Yoghurts are usually thrown away as they make such a mess if they're left! If your child has a school lunch and clears their plate, they will be given a sticker so you know how well they did. The staff at lunchtime encourage lots of trying and eating everything they can; if we notice a child regularly NOT eating a lot, we would contact you to let you know so please don't worry.
Curriculum Evenings Difficulties for parents who are in work to attend things in the daytime.	We would LOVE to put on some curriculum evenings for you to come along to and see how maths and English are taught in our school. We will make them evening sessions so that working parents are able to attend too. Sometimes we will hold open mornings where you can come and join your child in a maths or an English lesson. I realise that this is difficult for children whose parents aren't able to free themselves in school hours but it doesn't have to be a parent; send along a willing grandparent or friend. Just so the child can show off their learning to someone!
Knowing how well children are doing in school.	We hold Parents' evenings in the Autumn term and the Spring Term and reports are sent out in the Summer. You will also be invited to come in on open mornings to have a look at how things work within your child's class and this should give you a feel of how your child is coping with the demands of their lessons. There are also chances for you to see how their skills are when you listen to them read, practise spellings or study with them at home. If we felt your child was really struggling with the demands of their year group we would contact you to see how we can help and you are more than welcome to pop into school anytime to speak to your child's teacher or myself and we will endeavour to help.
Homework	As mentioned on the Newsletter, homework is very much a contentious issue with our children and parents. Some love having homework and some hate it! We gave out a long list of excellent educational sites that children can use at home to extend their learning and they can always take it upon themselves to do a study of a subject that they are interested in. I would love some really quality work from children done at home to display around school. Any subject they fancy (a hobby, famous person, country.....the sky's the limit!)
Helping your child at home	With this letter I am enclosing a few pages that explain what a child of their age should be able to do BY THE END of the school year that they are in. This will hopefully give you some ideas for things that you could consolidate with them at home so they remain at Age Related Expectation. If you would like any further advice on this, please just come and ask.
After school clubs	We do not have after school club here although there are clubs run voluntary by staff on a Monday (Forest schools, Netball, Football), Thursday (Football) and there is no charge for these. There are other clubs run by outside agencies for which there is a small charge (Hockey on Fridays, Dodgeball on Wednesdays, Cheerleading on Thursdays) . Please ask at the office for further information. There is an after school club held at St. Luke's next door; the staff collect from our school and walk round to our neighbours. Again please ask at the office if you'd like details.