

Results of school meals questionnaire March 2017

Classes that took part were:

KS1 - Rainbow, 3, 4, 5 = 110 pupils

KS2 - 6, 7, 9, 11, and 1 unidentified class = 143 pupils

To take into consideration not all children took part and not all completed the questionnaire fully

Question 1. How happy are you with schools meals?

KS1 83 happy 14 ok 11 unhappy

KS2 66 happy 40 ok 8 unhappy

Question 2. How often do you have a school meal?

KS1 92 most days 8 at least once a week 7 never

KS2 60 most days 30 at least once a week 20 never

Question 3. How happy are you with...

Tasty Food KS1 84 happy 16 ok 7 unhappy

KS2 57 happy 38 ok 5 unhappy

Choice KS1 30 happy 32 ok 34 unhappy

KS2 44 happy 50 ok 21 unhappy

Amount KS1 69 happy 16 ok 13 unhappy

KS2 29 happy 37 ok 26 unhappy

Friendliness KS1 88 happy 7 ok 6 unhappy

KS2 72 happy 23 ok 7 unhappy

Conclusion

Positives

- ✓ uptake is good but could be better
- ✓ the favourite meals identified have stayed on the menu
- ✓ the nutritious packed lunch option can be explored further
- ✓ most children think the food is tasty
- ✓ all children thought the kitchen and midday staff are friendly
- ✓ and KS2 children want more salad!

Negatives

- KS2 uptake is lower than regional schools average, we need to encourage them with possible changes to the menu and theme days
- Most children want more choice, larger portions and would like to sit with their friends, we will look into ways we can make this happen
- Most children like the fast food option ☹️ but casseroles with dumplings got a mention too! 😊
- ❖ Our Catering Manager Michelle and her team will be working hard to make the necessary changes and enhance our school meals provision over the coming months.
- ❖ The Senior Leadership Team will be discussing the lunchtime system and making improvements where necessary.
- ❖ The school team and school council will be exploring new ways to encourage school meal uptake especially with our older children.
- ❖ Parents views will be sought in due course via Survey Monkey.

Many comments the children made are quick fixes, some are a little more risky because we have to offer nutritionally balanced meals, but some take a little more thought...

We have two theme days planned for Thursday 18th May - Mighty Marvellous Pizza Day and Tuesday 4th July - American Diner Day... we trying popular food themes on low uptake days, with an upbeat atmosphere in the dining hall, flags and music!

We may be able to incorporate that in our 'Around the World' theme days which are planned for once every half term for year 1718. We're planning to go to Italy, China, India, America...and Australia...but any ideas are welcome...

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