

## Minutes from Blossomfield SNAG meeting 5.2.15

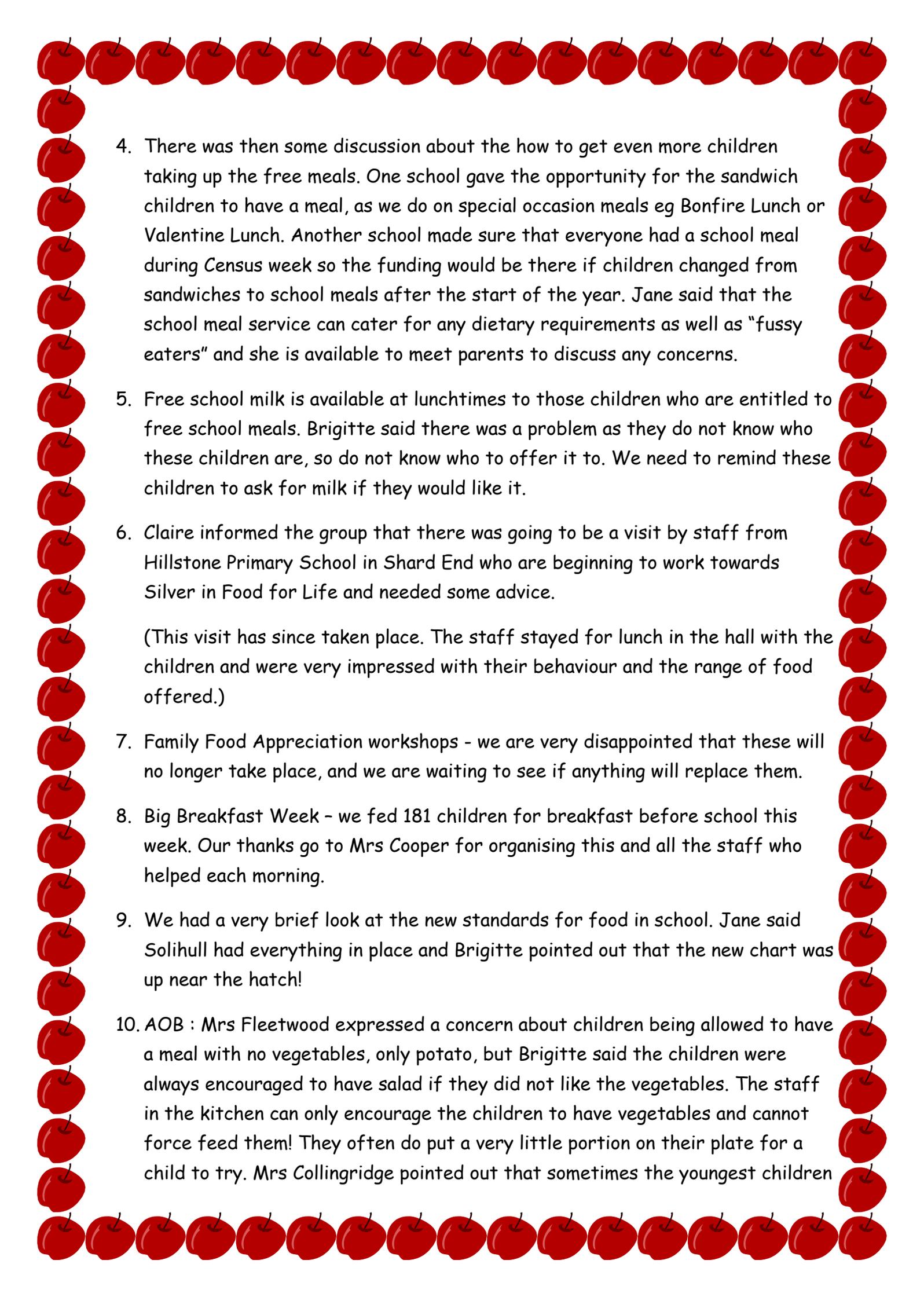
### (School Nutritional Action Group)

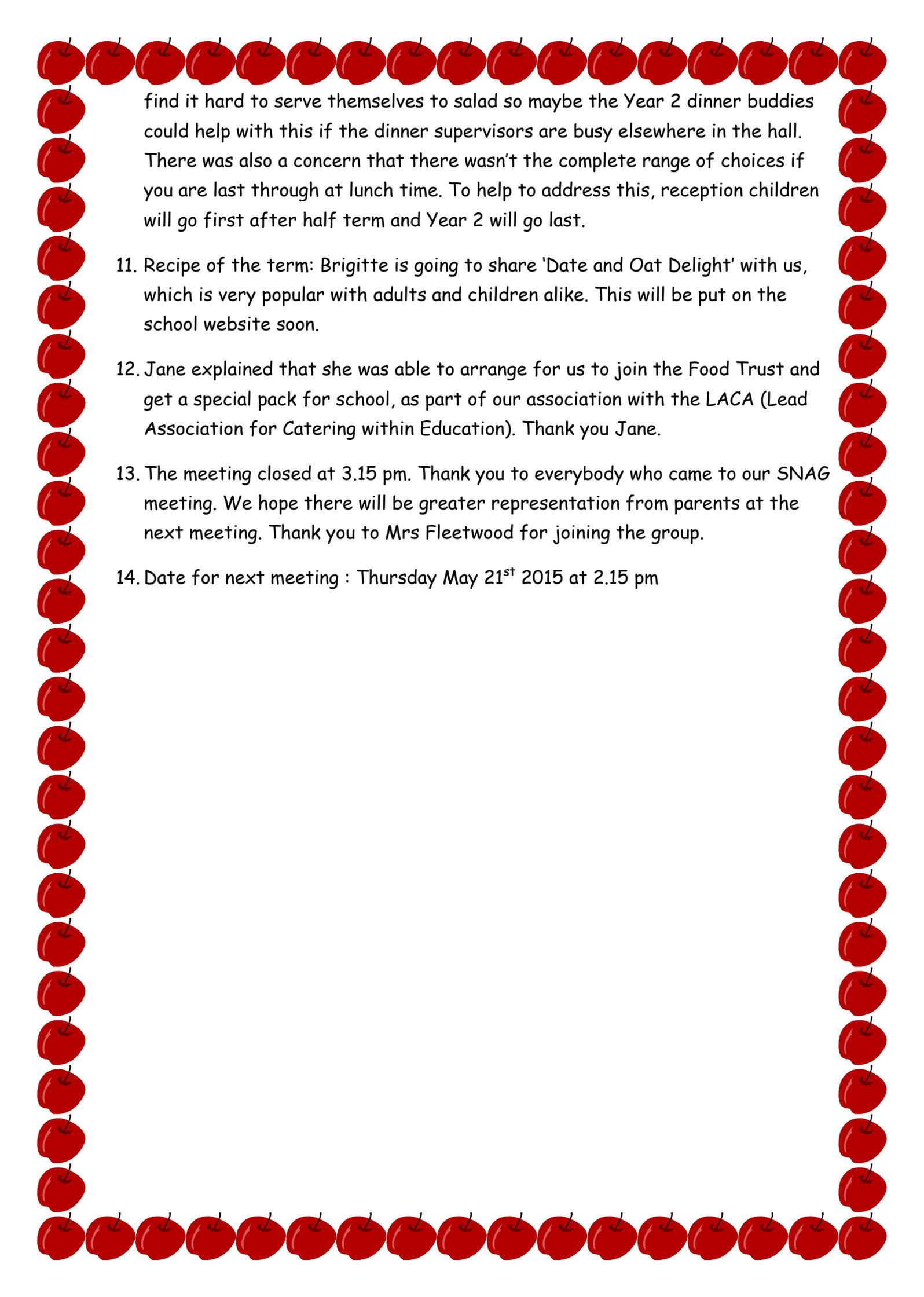
Present: Brigitte Gillespie (Cook)  
Patricia Collingridge (Teaching Assistant Y2)  
Debbie Rothwell (Teaching Assistant FS2)  
Jane Loose (Solihull Catering)  
Mrs Fleetwood (parent)  
Harry, Jessica, Dontay, Harriette (Year 2 reps)  
Claire Hill (FFL lead)

Apologies: There were no apologies  
CH introduced the adults to the children and explained what they were going to be doing.

1. We played a type of bingo game called Tummy Ache where the children had to collect 5 pictures to complete a healthy meal. The first one to do that was the winner, as long as they did not have a tummy ache card!
2. We had a selection of bread made by Brigitte to try. There was garlic and herb, sultana bread and cheese bread. Jessica said the sultana bread was a bit sweet and Dontay said the cheese one wasn't sugary and he liked cooked cheese, but liked the sultana bread most. Jessica and Harriette both liked the cheese bread best; most of the adults liked the sultana bread. Brigitte said the bread was very popular at lunchtimes and I can see why - it was delicious!
3. We discussed the school lunch time now we have almost all the children having the free school meals. The children said they liked the meals but Harriette said when they have chips she would prefer the thin ones. They like the celebration lunches when Brigitte puts up special displays round the hatch! Dontay would like a greater range of toppings when we have pizza! Jessica thought they should give the sandwich children a bit more time to eat, although we did point out that some children finished quite quickly because they did not chat so much! Dontay likes the fruit bowl and the cake that's healthy because it has fruit in it. Brigitte said the fruit bowl and the yogurts are very popular and they now have melon as well.

The children then returned to class.

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4. There was then some discussion about the how to get even more children taking up the free meals. One school gave the opportunity for the sandwich children to have a meal, as we do on special occasion meals eg Bonfire Lunch or Valentine Lunch. Another school made sure that everyone had a school meal during Census week so the funding would be there if children changed from sandwiches to school meals after the start of the year. Jane said that the school meal service can cater for any dietary requirements as well as "fussy eaters" and she is available to meet parents to discuss any concerns.
  5. Free school milk is available at lunchtimes to those children who are entitled to free school meals. Brigitte said there was a problem as they do not know who these children are, so do not know who to offer it to. We need to remind these children to ask for milk if they would like it.
  6. Claire informed the group that there was going to be a visit by staff from Hillstone Primary School in Shard End who are beginning to work towards Silver in Food for Life and needed some advice.  
  
(This visit has since taken place. The staff stayed for lunch in the hall with the children and were very impressed with their behaviour and the range of food offered.)
  7. Family Food Appreciation workshops - we are very disappointed that these will no longer take place, and we are waiting to see if anything will replace them.
  8. Big Breakfast Week - we fed 181 children for breakfast before school this week. Our thanks go to Mrs Cooper for organising this and all the staff who helped each morning.
  9. We had a very brief look at the new standards for food in school. Jane said Solihull had everything in place and Brigitte pointed out that the new chart was up near the hatch!
  10. AOB : Mrs Fleetwood expressed a concern about children being allowed to have a meal with no vegetables, only potato, but Brigitte said the children were always encouraged to have salad if they did not like the vegetables. The staff in the kitchen can only encourage the children to have vegetables and cannot force feed them! They often do put a very little portion on their plate for a child to try. Mrs Collingridge pointed out that sometimes the youngest children



find it hard to serve themselves to salad so maybe the Year 2 dinner buddies could help with this if the dinner supervisors are busy elsewhere in the hall. There was also a concern that there wasn't the complete range of choices if you are last through at lunch time. To help to address this, reception children will go first after half term and Year 2 will go last.

11. Recipe of the term: Brigitte is going to share 'Date and Oat Delight' with us, which is very popular with adults and children alike. This will be put on the school website soon.
12. Jane explained that she was able to arrange for us to join the Food Trust and get a special pack for school, as part of our association with the LACA (Lead Association for Catering within Education). Thank you Jane.
13. The meeting closed at 3.15 pm. Thank you to everybody who came to our SNAG meeting. We hope there will be greater representation from parents at the next meeting. Thank you to Mrs Fleetwood for joining the group.
14. Date for next meeting : Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 at 2.15 pm