



Minutes from Blossomfield SNAG meeting 4.4.14

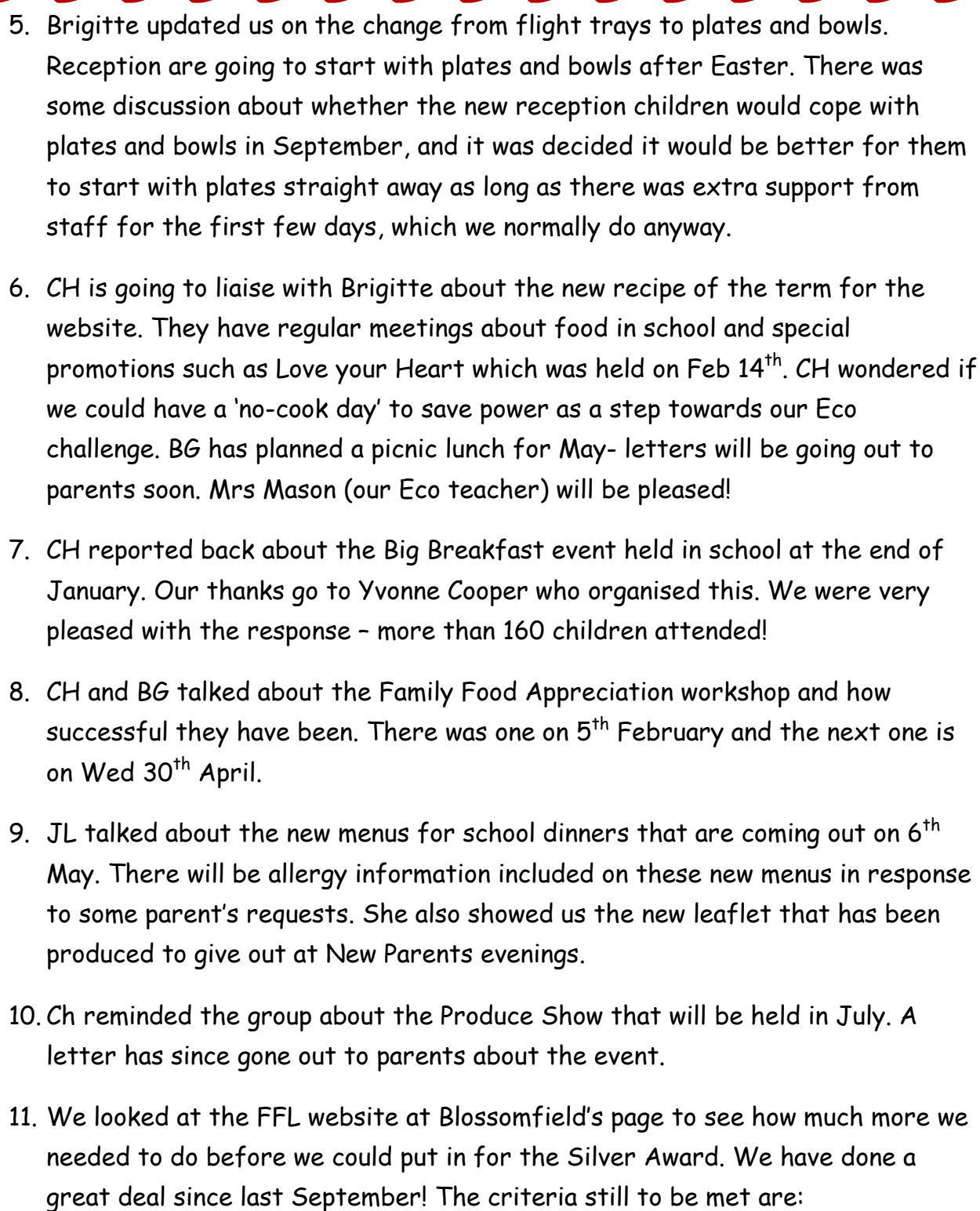
(School Nutritional Action Group)

Present: Brigitte Gillespie (Cook)
Patricia Collingridge (Teaching Assistant Y2)
Debbie Rothwell (TA from reception) - from 2.35pm
Jane Loose (Solihull Catering)
Ruby, Frank, Layton and Darcey (Year 2 reps)
Claire Hill (FFL lead)

Apologies ; Jackie Webb (Solihull catering) Mrs Stubbins (rec parent) Mrs Shipway (rec parent) Mrs Eastough (Yr 1 parent/Gov) Mrs Meads (LTS and Yr 2 parent) Mrs Turigel (Yr 1 Parent)

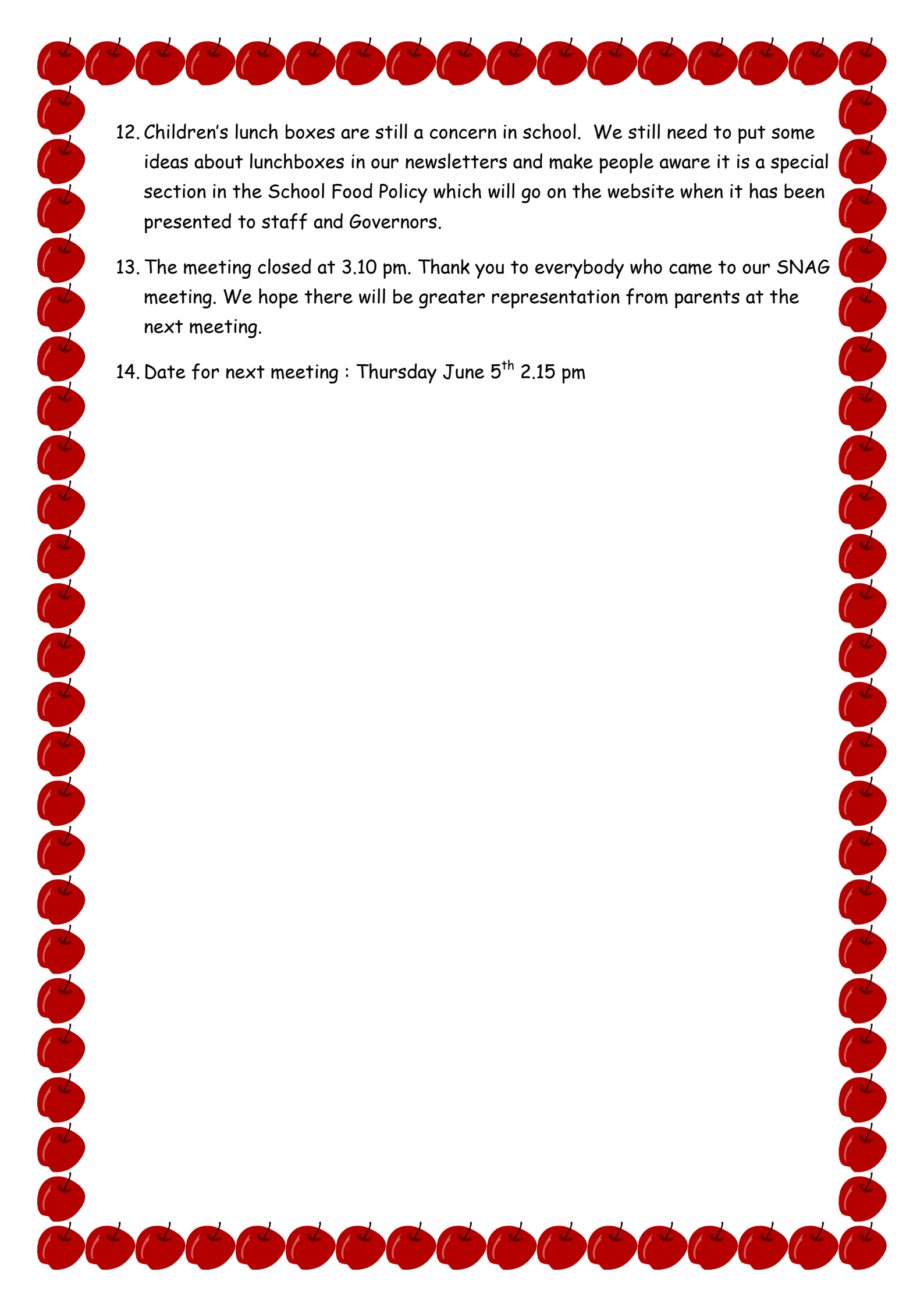
1. CH introduced the adults to the children and reminded them why they were there.
2. Mrs Gillespie talked to the children about the Salad bar at lunchtime and that they were going to have coleslaw. She asked them what they thought was in coleslaw and they had a good guess! They had a go at making coleslaw which tasted delicious.
3. We had a selection of vegetables which can be eaten raw or cooked (as the vegetables were in the coleslaw), and everyone tried - mushroom, baby sweetcorn, carrot, spinach, pepper and cucumber. The children were not so keen on the spinach and mushroom!
4. We discussed the Free School meals for all infant school children and CH gave a report about the questionnaire sent to parents. CH asked the children if they thought it was a good idea and why. Frank thought it was good because it will save money for the Mums and Dads! And they thought children like our school meals so they will want to have them.

Ch reported that Governors and Parent Partnership had decided that parents should be able to choose whether to take up the offer of free meals for their child or bring in a packed lunch from home. However, they would not be able to change from dinners to sandwiches. Once they had decided they would have to stay with that choice for the whole year.

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5. Brigitte updated us on the change from flight trays to plates and bowls. Reception are going to start with plates and bowls after Easter. There was some discussion about whether the new reception children would cope with plates and bowls in September, and it was decided it would be better for them to start with plates straight away as long as there was extra support from staff for the first few days, which we normally do anyway.
 6. CH is going to liaise with Brigitte about the new recipe of the term for the website. They have regular meetings about food in school and special promotions such as Love your Heart which was held on Feb 14th. CH wondered if we could have a 'no-cook day' to save power as a step towards our Eco challenge. BG has planned a picnic lunch for May- letters will be going out to parents soon. Mrs Mason (our Eco teacher) will be pleased!
 7. CH reported back about the Big Breakfast event held in school at the end of January. Our thanks go to Yvonne Cooper who organised this. We were very pleased with the response - more than 160 children attended!
 8. CH and BG talked about the Family Food Appreciation workshop and how successful they have been. There was one on 5th February and the next one is on Wed 30th April.
 9. JL talked about the new menus for school dinners that are coming out on 6th May. There will be allergy information included on these new menus in response to some parent's requests. She also showed us the new leaflet that has been produced to give out at New Parents evenings.
 10. Ch reminded the group about the Produce Show that will be held in July. A letter has since gone out to parents about the event.
 11. We looked at the FFL website at Blossomfield's page to see how much more we needed to do before we could put in for the Silver Award. We have done a great deal since last September! The criteria still to be met are:

- to produce a food policy approved by governors;
- include fair trade and ethics around food in our medium term plans;

Mrs Hill has been waiting to find out more about the Free School Meals for Infant aged children before starting the policy, but a start will be made on this after Easter. Once this is done she will contact Food for Life to start the assessment process.



12. Children's lunch boxes are still a concern in school. We still need to put some ideas about lunchboxes in our newsletters and make people aware it is a special section in the School Food Policy which will go on the website when it has been presented to staff and Governors.

13. The meeting closed at 3.10 pm. Thank you to everybody who came to our SNAG meeting. We hope there will be greater representation from parents at the next meeting.

14. Date for next meeting : Thursday June 5th 2.15 pm