

## Minutes from Blossomfield SNAG meeting 10.10.13

### (School Nutritional Action Group)

Present: Donna Roddy (parent RC)

Jo Hand (parent Y2R) Naomi Meads (Lunch Time Supervisor/parent Yr2)

Patricia Collingridge (Teaching Assistant Y2) Brigitte Gillespie (Cook)

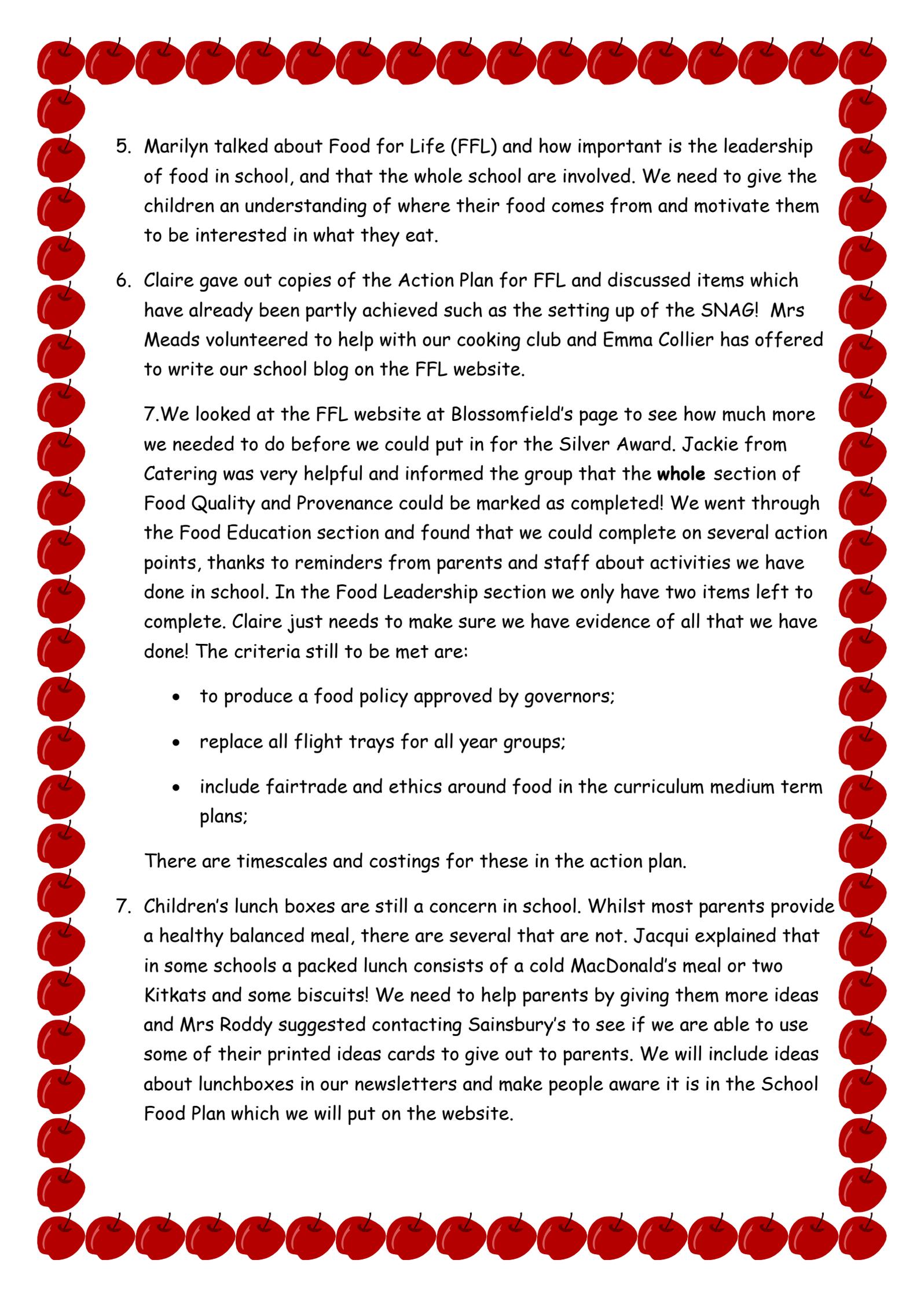
Jacqui Webb and Jane Loose (Solihull Catering)

Ruby, Frank, Layton and Darcey (Year 2 reps)

Marilyn Phipps (Food for Life advisor) Claire Hill (FFL lead)

Apologies ; Mrs Turigel (yr 1 parent) Mrs Stubbins (rec parent) Mrs Shipway (rec parent) Mrs Eastough (Yr 1 parent/Gov)

1. People introduced themselves and Mrs Phipps talked to the children to explain their role. She explained how important it was for them to go back to their classes and tell the other children what they had found out and done at the meeting.
2. We played a game where the children had to think of fruit and vegetables to match the letters in their name. Adults helped the children with the trickier letters such as E for egg plant!
3. We had a selection of red British fruit and vegetables (to link with the school topic of British food week) which everyone tried - beetroot, red pepper, cherry tomatoes and raspberries.
4. Marilyn explained to the children that when they come to the next meeting they need to bring back 2 stars (two good things about lunchtimes) and a wish about how they think they can make lunchtimes even better than they are now. They would have a special circle time to discuss this in their classes and get everyone's ideas. The children then went back to class taking handfuls of fruit and vegetables for 'the journey'!



5. Marilyn talked about Food for Life (FFL) and how important is the leadership of food in school, and that the whole school are involved. We need to give the children an understanding of where their food comes from and motivate them to be interested in what they eat.

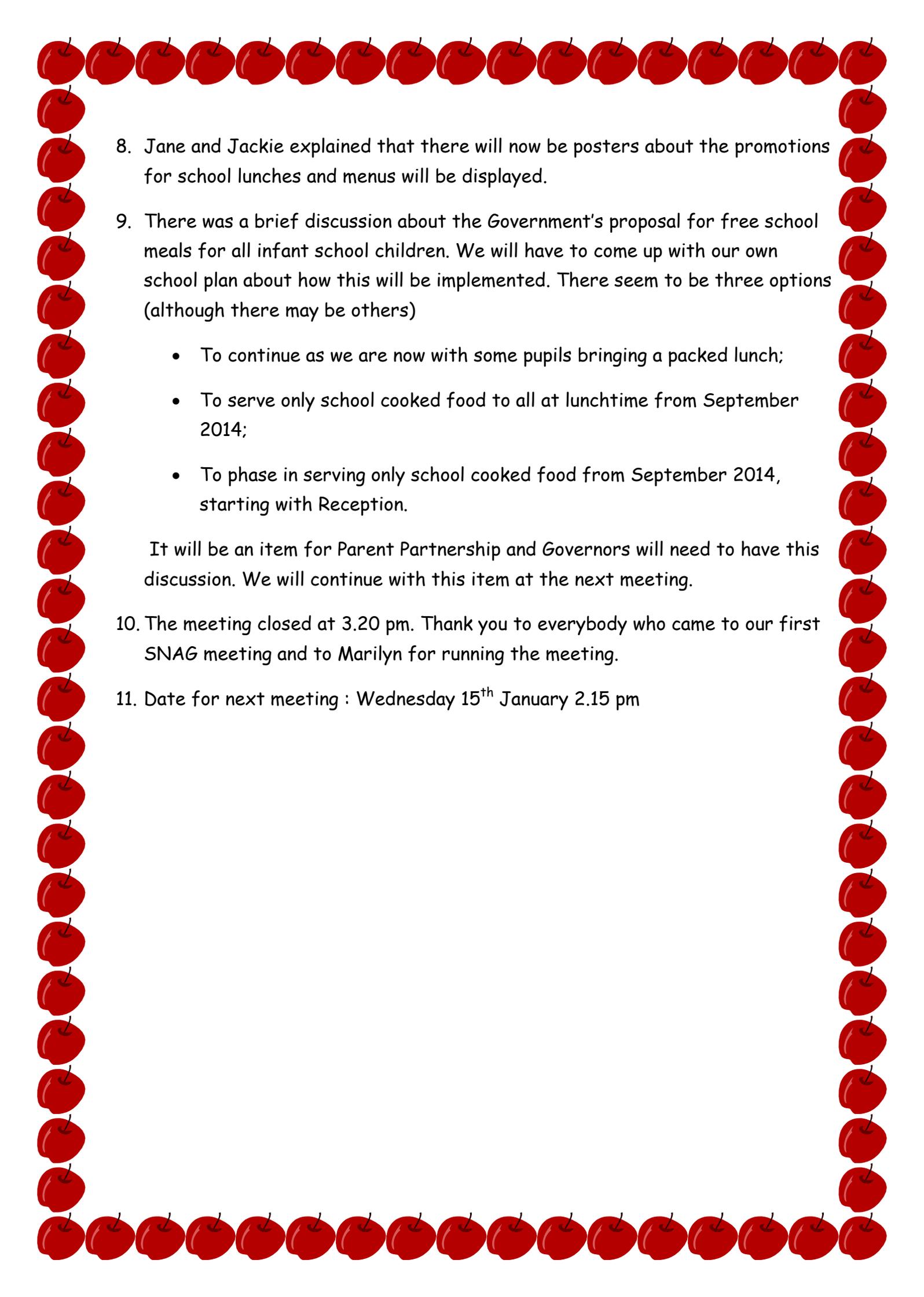
6. Claire gave out copies of the Action Plan for FFL and discussed items which have already been partly achieved such as the setting up of the SNAG! Mrs Meads volunteered to help with our cooking club and Emma Collier has offered to write our school blog on the FFL website.

7. 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. Jackie from Catering was very helpful and informed the group that the **whole** section of Food Quality and Provenance could be marked as completed! We went through the Food Education section and found that we could complete on several action points, thanks to reminders from parents and staff about activities we have done in school. In the Food Leadership section we only have two items left to complete. Claire just needs to make sure we have evidence of all that we have done! The criteria still to be met are:

- to produce a food policy approved by governors;
- replace all flight trays for all year groups;
- include fairtrade and ethics around food in the curriculum medium term plans;

There are timescales and costings for these in the action plan.

7. Children's lunch boxes are still a concern in school. Whilst most parents provide a healthy balanced meal, there are several that are not. Jacqui explained that in some schools a packed lunch consists of a cold MacDonald's meal or two Kitkats and some biscuits! We need to help parents by giving them more ideas and Mrs Roddy suggested contacting Sainsbury's to see if we are able to use some of their printed ideas cards to give out to parents. We will include ideas about lunchboxes in our newsletters and make people aware it is in the School Food Plan which we will put on the website.



8. Jane and Jackie explained that there will now be posters about the promotions for school lunches and menus will be displayed.

9. There was a brief discussion about the Government's proposal for free school meals for all infant school children. We will have to come up with our own school plan about how this will be implemented. There seem to be three options (although there may be others)

- To continue as we are now with some pupils bringing a packed lunch;
- To serve only school cooked food to all at lunchtime from September 2014;
- To phase in serving only school cooked food from September 2014, starting with Reception.

It will be an item for Parent Partnership and Governors will need to have this discussion. We will continue with this item at the next meeting.

10. The meeting closed at 3.20 pm. Thank you to everybody who came to our first SNAG meeting and to Marilyn for running the meeting.

11. Date for next meeting : Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2.15 pm