

Lunch Time Improvements

Bistro Buddies

Bistro Buddies are children who help each other out at lunch times to make Whitchurch Primary School a better place to be. They work in the hall to help the dinner ladies by opening packets and helping younger children to carry their plates or cups.



The Bistro Buddies have realised that you have to earn your reward in life because for every shift we work we get paid. This helps us to learn about real life and what it is like to have a job when you are older. It is our responsibility to look after our payment books so that we can choose how to spend our money at the end of the year. We have a rota to tell us when we are working but if we can't make a shift it is our job to make sure that we let Mrs Thomas know and to find someone to work for us.



At the start, lots of people did not know that we were Bistro Buddies until we had our uniform with name tags. Now people listen to us and let us help them more. We are trying to set a good example for the younger children so that they can help people when they are older.

Before we started working lots of people who were on last sitting used to moan about the mess on the tables and floors but this is much better now because we help the younger children to clean up after themselves. We also wipe the tables between sittings and make sure that the floor has no rubbish on it. So it is nicer for everyone who is eating their lunch and easier for the dinner ladies and us to clean up at the end.

Another thing that people didn't like about lunchtimes is how noisy it was. Now it is much easier to talk to our friends and hear what they are saying because we remind children about using their 'dinner' voices. The bell timings at lunchtime have also changed so that only one class goes in at a time. This means that there is less noise but also less queuing and more chance of sitting with our friends.

We think that Bistro Buddies have helped to improve lunchtimes because the hall is a nicer environment to be in. It looks cleaner and the table cloths make it look nicer too. Also we can enjoy a chat with our friends because it is not as noisy so we are even more friendly. We are also helping to look after our school environment and making the dinner ladies job a bit easier. We LOVE being Bistro Buddies!



Play Leaders

Play leaders are pupils who help out at lunchtime by encouraging other children to join in games and to be more active.

The play leaders have thought of new games and activities so that the children don't get lonely, bored and grumpy. This has helped to keep the children busy so that they are not silly and stops lots of arguments. It also helps people who are feeling lonely to have someone to play with and helps us to make new friends, which makes people happy. Learning different games is fun but the play leaders also remind people about using the equipment sensibly and looking after it.

Play leaders try to help people keep fit by encouraging them to move around more at playtime. This is good for keeping our bodies healthy.

We feel that the dinner ladies can now concentrate on the 'big' important jobs like helping someone who is hurt or helping to sort out problems or being able to look around more to keep everyone safe.

Using Bistro Buddies and Play leaders is how we have improved lunchtimes at Whitchurch Primary School but we have some more ideas so **WATCH THIS SPACE...!**

