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## Launching Our Exciting New OPAL Playtime Project (Reception – Year 6)



Dear Families,

We are about to launch our exciting new project to make our lunch times even better, in conjunction with Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) CIC. In 2018, OPAL won the best active schools' programme in Europe award and has been cited in two parliamentary reports as delivering outstanding practice. OPAL is working closely with Sport England to promote more active childhoods, which is one of the many reasons we are improving our playtime, as well as to improve opportunities for socialisation, co-operation, co-ordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment for your child.

We strongly believe that: **“Play is freely chosen, personally directed, intrinsically motivated behaviour that actively engages the child. Play can be fun or serious. Through play children explore social, material and imaginary worlds and their relationship with them, elaborating all the while a flexible range of responses to the challenges they encounter. By playing, children learn and develop as individuals, and as members of the community.”** (Children’s Play Council 2001).

The project will start after half-term and our hopes are that it will change the way we think and how we play together. We have already started collecting donations to support this; do keep an eye out for any future collections and donations that we will be requesting as we go on this journey to improve lunch times.

Before we get started, we would like to find out what you think about lunch times as they are now. We will also be asking your children, and our staff, to share their thoughts in school. To thank you for taking your time to complete this survey, every family that completes it will be entered into a prize draw. Please find the link below or scan the QR code to complete.

OPAL parent baseline survey



<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=h9Zm57-1gUG2RXyTtbE4cxaHGOkGLi9LuMG4RCwO5WNUN1NFS0RBNEIzTFMwNlhPWjA1UzRLVExKNC4u&route=shorturl>

There will be more information to follow at a parent’s session later in the year when you will be invited to come and play with your children. We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us throughout the year in our efforts to improve playtime for all children.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Dale**  
Deputy Headteacher

