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Dear parents,

Aspens have informed us that there will be another increase in the price of the mid-morning snack after the October half term, from 48p to 63p.

As a school we have been disappointed with what has been provided for our children. The promised healthy snacks have not materialised, even though we have requested a change on numerous occasions, however despite this, the high sugar content tray bakes continue to be provided. These do not support what we teach in school about the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle.

As a final effort to offer a healthy alternative Aspens have offered to provide a piece of fruit for 63p. We feel that this is a very expensive option and does not support the schools Poverty Proofing ethos. Therefore after the October half term, the Governors and school staff have made the difficult decision not to provide a mid-morning snack. Please can we ask that if you wish your children to have a snack at playtime, you send them to school with a healthy option, not crisps, chocolate sweets etc.

Under the government's School Free Fruit and Vegetable Scheme all our infant children will continue to receive free daily fruit and vegetables.

We hope you understand our decision.

Kind regards

Pauline Nightingale  
Headteacher



At St Mary's we believe that it is possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary!