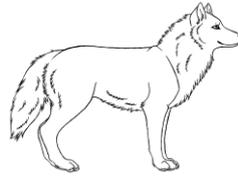


# Homework –

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019



Miss Farmer



Dear Parent/Carer

Happily, there has been no vandalism at school this week – but I would be grateful if parents could keep an eye on the school: there should never be children on site at the weekend nor after dark...

The picture above is to introduce the topic of a vegetarian day at school. I think it would be a good idea if we had one lunchtime a week that was purely vegetarian because it would give us the opportunity to talk to children about global warming and how ordinary people can make a difference by their diet. Googling **'vegetarianism and global warming'** throws up a mass of articles about it – this is from the Guardian in 2016:

*Growing food for the world's burgeoning population is likely to send greenhouse gas emissions over the threshold of safety, unless more is done to cut meat consumption, a new report has found. A widespread switch to vegetarianism would cut emissions by nearly two-thirds, it said. In three decades, emissions related to agriculture and food production are likely to account for about half of the world's available "carbon budget" - the limited amount of carbon dioxide and its equivalents that can be poured into the atmosphere if we are to hold global warming to no more than 2C.*

Please don't think that I am preaching to parents - I eat meat, but at school I never eat meat, partly because I'm aware of the fact that it doesn't help the planet, and partly because I eat a baked potato with cheese and beans and then I add spinach, peppers and beetroot, because I know that I am eating food that is really good for me (and yes, I am so dull that I eat that nearly every day and always find it delicious!)

I think it would be a nice, symbolic act if the school went vegetarian once a week – and I firmly believe that small gestures **do help**, and it would be good to raise awareness at the same time amongst parents and children. Please let me know what you think...

I read the draft of the Ofsted report today. It is amazing to think that someone could visit this school and then write about this school without capturing the essence of it ☺ but to me it seems to be a report written **for Ofsted** rather than parents. As I understand it, Inspectors have to be very formulaic in their approach, so don't expect to be excited by the level of observation nor engagement. I can't share any information until a final draft is completed – which I think should be a couple of weeks (when all parents will get a copy.)

**Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...**

Signed:

**Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.**