**Crosby Ravensworth School Meals**

The governors of Crosby Ravensworth Primary School asked the children what their favourite school meals are because they were going to change the menu. Additionally, they decided that the children could also choose their own themed meals. For example, the most recent theme was Wild West, which was chosen by Samuel. Freda then changed the menu, taking into consideration the children’s ideas.

**The menu**

The menu now seems much healthier and the pupils like the majority of the meals. The children have discussed their favourite school meals and described them as divine, delicious and scrumptious. One child has said that the menu is now ‘fresh and new’. The ingredients are also locally sourced which is better for the environment.

**The theme**

Some of the children really enjoy the theme days because they are allowed to dress up. The Wild West theme allowed everyone to dress up as cowboys and cowgirls; everyone is looking forward to the next one! One child was quoted saying ‘the atmosphere was really fun and everyone had a great time’. Even those on pack lunches enjoyed the dinner time.

**In the classroom**

The children reported that the most popular means included: pizza, hotdogs, chicken wraps and salmon nibbles. One child described the hotdogs as ‘heavenly and so delicious they make your mouth water’. The sticky toffee pudding was described as ‘sticky and sweet – what’s not to like?’ Children who have pack lunches also admitted that they are tempted by many of the school meals, particularly the hotdogs.

**In the kitchen**

Freda has stated that the menu was quite difficult to change because there were lots of ideas, however, she has produced a mouth-watering new menu despite this difficulty. Her favourite meal to cook are the cakes and she enjoys to make school dinners especially when the children eat their vegetables.

The menu has changed for the better – it’s fresh, healthy and more importantly tasty! The theme meals are a really great idea and the children feel that these should continue into the future.