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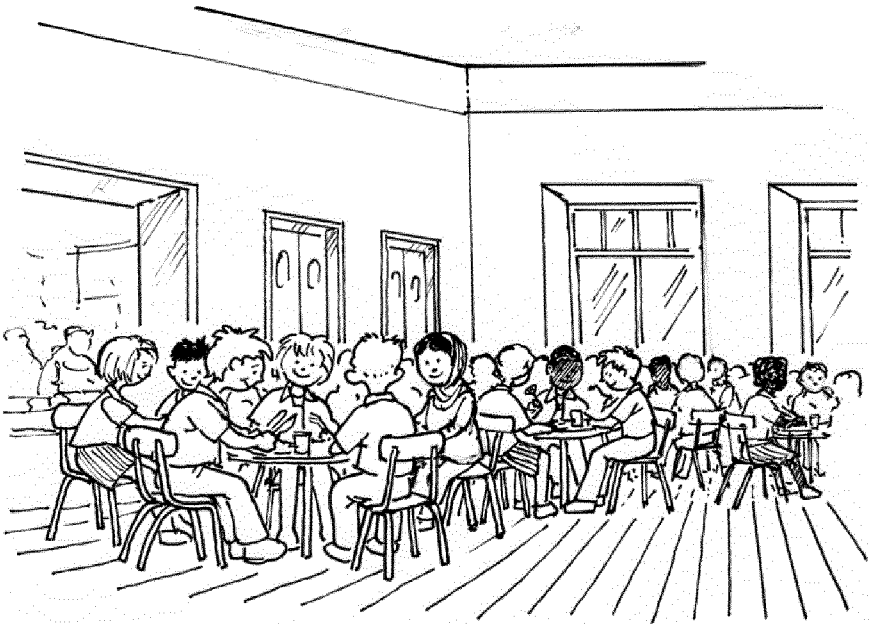
Mrs. Norris is one of the dinner ladies working at Wheatley Primary school. She loves to work there and has been working there for many years. All her children had been to the school and had moved on to secondary school. She lives not far from the school. It just takes five minutes walk from her home.



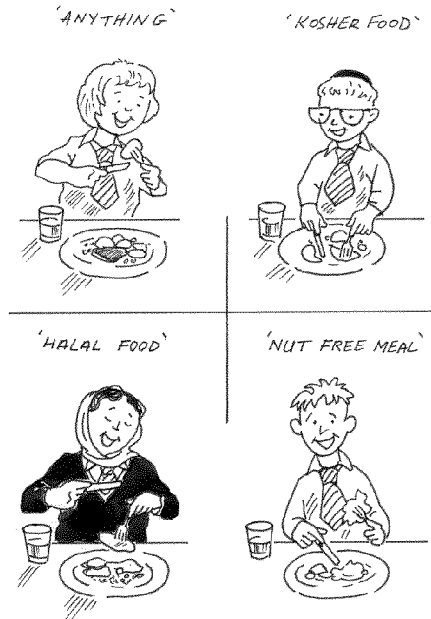
What a dinner lady do, you might ask? Really loads of things! First, obviously, Mrs. Norris prepares dinners! Not on her own! There are also four dinner ladies there and Mrs. Norris is their boss. They all work together. They cook the food. They set out the tables and chairs in the gym and lay out the knives and forks. They serve food onto plates and bowls. Lastly, they wash up and put away plates, bowls and cutlery.



As the boss, Mrs. Norris has to prepare the menu weekly. She has not found it easy because she has to please 300 children! This is not easy! Children can be so fussy, you know! She knows that children loves chips but she cannot cook chips every day! So she has to bring variety of food every day. It makes her think and she likes the challenge.



Occasionally, she gets special dietary requests from some parents of children for health and religious reasons. For example, for some children, potatoes need to be cooked first to remove starch and then fried as chips. Some children have allergy to nuts and so dishes have to be ordered from outside specially made for them. And some Muslim and Jewish children don't eat pork. It is so important that the children with special requests get what they need! Mrs. Norris doesn't want them to go hungry or get angry phone calls from their parents!



You know, for boiled potatoes, Mrs. Norris takes two sackfuls of potatoes! She has them delivered from Highfield farm. When she first worked at the school, the dinner ladies had to peel them by hand! And there were ten of them! She giggles as she remembers how it was. And now the sacks are just emptied into a peeling machine and the potatoes are peeled just like that!



The kitchen at the school is similar to Mrs. Norris' kitchen at home but at a bigger scale. For instance, at home, to cook baked beans, Mrs. Norris just opens one tin and pours into a medium pot. And she cooks it ready in 5 minutes. But at the school kitchen, 5 huge tins of baked beans are opened and poured into a gigantic metal pot and cooked for 20 minutes. The dinner ladies really need to keep stirring otherwise the bottom gets burnt!



One special occasion which all the dinner ladies enjoy very much is the Christmas dinner! It takes a lot of planning to make sure the Christmas dinner go smoothly - they do not cook for the children only but also for the teachers too. Cooking the chickens, roasting the potatoes, boiling the vegetables and steaming the Christmas pudding. Phew! Mrs. Norris knows very well that many children do not like Christmas puddings and so they get ice cream instead. And piles of dishes to do afterwards. It's not too bad as they have dishwashers!



Mrs. Norris thought back to the old days where the dinner ladies could cuddle children especially on their first days. Some of them were upset and wanted their mothers. All the dinner ladies knew many of the children because they were children of their friends and so they felt comforted when being cuddled. But now, the dinner ladies mustn't cuddle because of child abuse and so on. Mrs. Norris sighed and told her dinner ladies, "Something to do with government regulations."



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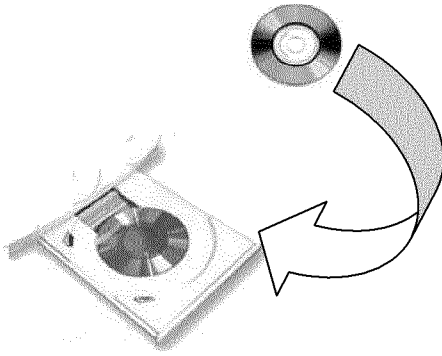
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