

Tuesday, 19 January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Census Day
Thursday 21st January

This Thursday is the annual School Census Day. Many of you may not realise how important a day this is for schools across the country and I am writing to tell you why and ask you to help us.

The information collected on the 21st will be used to directly help calculate our annual budget for 2016-2017 and you can help us in two main ways:

1. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) and you have not put in a claim, please do so. In order to claim FSM you must be in receipt of:
 - Income Support
 - Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
 - Income related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit but not the Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
 - If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week.

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) but this does mean that some of you who are entitled to FSM have not registered.

Each child who has FSM adds an extra lump sum to the budget. In turn we use this to increase the Family Liaison Officers (FLO) hours (Polly and Mel!) and to pay or heavily subsidise trips and clubs in school for those registered for FSM and for enriching the curriculum for all. It is vital if you are entitled that you register.

2. Arrange for your child to have a school dinner on Thursday. The number of meals served by us on Thursday also impacts on the budget we receive. In order to tempt the children to partake our new cook, Helen Gale, and her team will be serving a choice of fish and chips, sausage and chips or a vegetarian option and a choice of either chocolate crunch or rainbow cake for dessert! Meals cost £2.30 each.

Many thanks for your help and support.

Steve Wood
Head Teacher