

CHESWICK GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

'The very best for all, in all we do, all of the time'

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL MEALS

You may already be aware that there are going to be some big and exciting changes regarding School meals from September 2014. **All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** next school year are entitled to one of the new universal **free school meals**.

I am sure you will appreciate this is an **amazing opportunity** for all parents with children who will be within these age groups. Our school meals are of a very high quality, very good value, contain fresh local produce and are well balanced. By taking up the free school meal offer you will save £9.50 a week based on present school meal costs and / or preparation time for packed lunches as well as their cost.

As there are lots of preparations which need to be made so that we are ready for September. I request that you complete the attached form and return it to school by Friday 16th May indicating your expected choices regarding school meals for the next school year.

Although it is recommended that all children have a hot meal each day it will be possible for children to be provided with a cold meal if parents choose this option.

I am sure that the relevant parents will all want to take advantage of this opportunity and for some of you it may mean older siblings in Key Stage 2 may also start having a school meal in September. All children in Key Stage 2 will continue to have the option of a school meal each day and there will also be special promotion days.

I would therefore be grateful if the attached form could be completed for all children who will be in our school next school year. This will enable the School Meal Service to plan ahead. Please note that it will still be possible for Key Stage 2 pupils to receive free school meals in the same way as free school meals are presently applied for. It is important that all parents eligible for Free School meals continue to apply even if their child is in Foundation or Key stage 1.

CLASS TEACHERS FOR NEXT

SCHOOL YEAR

As soon as final arrangements have been made parents and pupils will be notified of the class teachers for the next school year.

Miss Emma Baxter will be leaving us in July to take up a new position in Coventry. We are very sorry that she will be leaving us and wish her well in her new role.

Mrs Lindsay Turner is taking over the role of SENCo. She is completing her training this term and she will be working alongside Miss Baxter all of this term so she gets to know all the children on the SEN Register and their parents really well in preparation for September.

We are in the process of recruiting two new teachers to replace Miss Baxter, Mrs Childs and Mrs Ross. Mrs Susan Rush will temporarily be joining our teaching staff for the summer term on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. She will be covering non-contact time for all teachers and will therefore be working with all classes in the school.

REMINDERS

CHESWICK CHIMPS

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AND WRAPAROUND CLUBS

Please note that bookings for any use of the Chimps clubs are **not confirmed** unless **full payment accompanies the booking form**. This means parents must print out a receipt of payment / evidence from ParentPay at time of payment and attach this to the booking form. Booking forms without this evidence will be returned immediately and a place will not be secure. There will be no exceptions.

ALL SCHOOL MEALS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE

We unfortunately still have a very small number of parents who have to be reminded that they owe money for dinners. **Please help us by paying in advance.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May
Half – term holiday

Monday 2nd June
In- service Day

Tuesday 15th July
End of Year Reports

Wednesday 16th July
Open Evening

Monday 21st July
Last day of summer term
Please note our school will be open on this day.

Staff will notify parents of dates for Parent Share events as quickly as possible.

SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

Please send any vouchers you may have into school.

SICKNESS

Please remember that children must be clear of sickness or diarrhoea for two full days before they return to school. This is to avoid the spread of infection.

SUPPORT FOR OUR NEW VEGETABLE, HERB AND FLOWER GARDENS

If you have any plants or seeds you are able to donate for our gardens or you are able to offer some time to help us look after our gardens please let the school office or Mrs Marnie Chana know.

RETIREMENTS

Our very best wishes for their retirement go to both Mrs Gail Child and Mrs Denise Ross.

Mrs Simone Seickell will be taking over the co-ordination of all PE in the school from September.

School Meals for the next school year

Due to the exciting changes regarding School meals from September 2014 (**All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** next school year will receive one of the new **universal free school meals** at mid-day) in order to support our planning we need to ask you to complete this form please outlining your intentions for the next school year.

Although we would expect the majority of parents to take up this brilliant opportunity the School Meal Service have requested that we get a formal indication of intentions.

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Name of child.....

Present Year group

Please tick against the appropriate statement

Foundation / Year 1 / Year 2 pupils next school year

My child will be taking up the hot free school meal offered to all Reception - Year 2 pupils

My child will be taking up the cold free school meal offered to all Reception - Year 2 pupils

My child will not be taking up the free school meal offered to all Reception - Year 2 pupils

Key Stage 2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils next school year)

Present cost £1.90 a day

(Free School Meals will still be available for KS2 pupils through application)

My child will be having a hot school meal every day

My child will be having a hot meal at least once a week

My child will be having a cold school meal every day

My child will be having a cold school meal at least once a week

My child will not be having a meal provided by the school

Signed (Parent)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 16th MAY

A RESPONSE FOR EVERY CHILD IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE DETAILED PLANNING NECESSARY.