

5th June 2014

Dear Parents,

This newsletter contains some important information for your diaries – please keep it safe so you can refer to it in the future.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

From September 2014 all children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 will be entitled to a Free School Meal. This is a government initiative that we welcome and we look forward to providing all of these children with a nutritious, healthy meal. If your child does not already have hot meals in school we ask that you advise us of any allergies they may have before the end of this term so that we can cater for their dietary needs. We will send out a sample menu so that you can see how good the meals are – something for everyone.

If your child is currently entitled to Free School Meals it is important that you continue to claim and register for this benefit as the Universal Free School Meal scheme is jointly funded by the Central Government and the Local Authority. Eligibility for this benefit from the Local Authority also entitles children to further benefits. You can now apply for Free School Meals online using the following link and we have been advised that you will be notified if your application has been successful almost immediately. <http://liverpool.gov.uk/free-school-meals> If you would like to discuss this please contact Mrs Turner in the school office.

Attendance:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both parents and children for their commitment to good attendance this year so far. Almost all children have attended regularly, only being off when they have been too ill to come in and this shows in our current figure which is just over 97% for the whole school – Wonderful! We need to keep up this effort until the end of term so that we finish the school year at this level. I am sure you will find that the children have benefitted from consistent good attendance academically, socially and emotionally. As you have previously been informed – the school cannot grant holidays in term time because of changes to government legislation in September 2013. We have no option but to issue Penalty Notices (which result in a fine) if you take your children on holiday in term time.

Term dates have now been set for the next two years and they are detailed overleaf

2014/15

Autumn Term 2014

Starts: Monday 1st September **

Half Term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

Ends: Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2015

Starts: Monday 5th January

Half term: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

Ends: Thursday 2nd April 2015

Summer Term 2015

Starts: Monday 20th April

May Day: Monday 4th May

Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Ends: Tuesday 21st July 2015

**** Please note: 1st and 2nd September are Inservice days. Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September
There will be 3 further Inservice days to be agreed**

2015/16

Autumn Term 2015

Starts: Tuesday 1st September

Half Term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Ends: Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2016

Start: Monday 4th January

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Ends: Friday 1st April 2016

Summer Term 2016

Starts: Monday 18th April

May Day: Monday 2nd May

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Ends: Thursday 21st July

There will be 5 Inservice day – dates to be agreed