

Newsletter 2018/2019 edition 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome back --- a new year.

Good manners day

We hold a good manners day 3 times a year. On this day, all the children in reception and key stage 1 are offered a free school meal, although none are "forced" to eat the meal. So, if you send a packed lunch in for your child you can still do so on that day and your child can eat it in addition to the school meal or instead of, or don't send it at all. It's also an opportunity for your child to try a school meal to see if you/he/she would like to swap to school meals. All school dinners in reception, year 1 and year 2 children are **free** throughout the time they are in those year groups. I understand that the meal next Thursday is a roast. You do not need to do anything extra. If you have already ordered a school dinner, your menu choice will be adhered to. If your child normally has a packed lunch we will place the order for your child for this day. We talk to children about the etiquette of eating at the table:

Not speaking with you your mouth full
How to use a knife and fork
Passing things to each other
Saying please and thank-you etc.

Our next good manners day is

Thursday 17th January. 2019

If you decide in future you would like to book a school dinner for your child, either everyday, or on some days, you can access the booking system by following the link on our website:

<http://www.greenmeadow-pri.swindon.sch.uk/parent-carers-and-visitors/school-meals>

If you are in receipt of any benefits and your child is in years 3-6, he/she may be eligible for free school meals. Follow the link above or ring the school office.

PE Kit

We note that several children returned to school this week without a PE kit. Please check your child's bag to ensure that this is available to them throughout the week.

Pantomime

We are grateful to FOGPS who arranged for a pantomime to visit the school on the last day of term. This was extremely successful. The children loved it. Thank you FOGPS!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15 th January @ 3:45 – 4:15	Year 1/2 Phonics assessments workshop for parents.
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If you have a child in **year 1**, please come along to find out about the phonics screening test your child will be taking in the summer term.

Snow days

Hopefully, we will not be compromised by heavy snowfall this winter. It is the school's intention to open unless the safety of pupils would be compromised. If we decide to close/ partially open or open later, we would normally text parents by 8.00a.m. Please also be aware that should a sudden, heavy snowfall happen during the day, we may close early.

It is essential that the school has up to date contact numbers for your child so that we can contact you.

Driving on Pen Close

I was notified this morning of a driver who seemed very impatient when driving into and along Pen Close and into the school car park.

Please keep your speed down as it was observed there were a few near misses on this occasion.

Please also be aware that the school car park is for members of staff only. Please do not use the driveway for turning as there are children crossing the driveway at various points.

Thank you

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Headteacher.