

1 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Census Day - Thursday 5th October 2023

Next Thursday, 5th October 2023, is National School Census Day, when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets.

One of the figures we must report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day. The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we receive for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We do not receive funding for the number of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year.

On Census Day, there will be a themed menu as follows:

- Hot Dog, Potato Wedges & Baked Beans
- Veggie Sausage Hot Dog, Potato Wedges & Baked Beans
- Filled jacket potato
- Hot Tomato Pasta

ParentPay has been updated to reflect this menu. If you had already booked a meal for your child on this day your booking will have been deleted when the menu was updated, so please visit ParentPay again to make a new selection from the revised menu for 5th October.

A hot meal will be provided for every child in reception class, Year 1 and 2 for them to try on Census Day, so please book your child's meal by 11:59pm on Wednesday 4th October. Your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus supporting school funding.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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