



Newsletter

22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Healthy Schools & Mind Mate

Yesterday 3 assessors from the local authority visited the school to assess if the school meets the standard for Healthy Schools and Mindmate. Both initiatives place an emphasis on providing an education and environment that meets all of the children's physical, health and mental needs. All 3 assessors were very impressed with our school and the children that they worked with amazed them. All 3 assessors were delighted to award the school both awards. Thank you to Miss Woolnough who led the school to achieve the awards.

Black History Month & In Harmony

Yesterday was busy day. To observe Black History Month all of the children in years 1 to 6 either learned to sing or play on an instrument to Bill Withers' song Lean on Me. The performance was performed twice by 2 groups and both performances can be viewed on the school's twitter account. We hope you like them. Also, this week all of the children have completed Black History Month quizzes about influential black people. The answers to the questions could be found on classroom doors because every classroom door has been decorated to celebrate the achievements or recognise the struggle of prominent people in history.

Year 6

Parents with children in year 6 need to complete the common preference form by the 31st October. This should have been emailed to parents/carers. If you have not received this email please visit.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

Christmas Dates

Here is a list of dates informing parents and carers of all the Christmas activities we have planned. This year it will look slightly different.

- Christmas Jumper Day – 10th December (donations to Save the Children, using School Money App)
- Class parties will take place on Weds 15th December – Please do not send any food but donate £1 (using School Money App) and the school will provide food and drink. Children can wear their party clothes all day.



- All children will take part in an In Harmony performance. These will be recorded and shared with parents. Once dates for filming have been set by class teachers we will send further information about clothes and costumes that the children can wear for the event. A link will be provided after all the performances have been recorded.
- Christmas Dinner w/b 13th Dec. Children will eat their dinner in the hall with their year group bubble either on Tuesday or Thursday. If your child has a packed lunch and would like Christmas Dinner please contact the school office.

Squid Game - Netflix

Throughout school playgrounds in the city children have been discussing the Netflix series Squid Game. Although the series is rated 15, I know that children in school have watched the series or seem clips from the show on social media platforms. To support parents in conversations with their children about the series a website has been created, see link.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

Free School Meals

During the pandemic and now that the furlough scheme has ended many families situations will have changed. Please read the following information and apply for Free School Meals if you think you meet the criteria.

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions to help:

1. Do I Qualify For Help?

Although children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals, all parents and carers that meet the criteria below are encouraged to apply for free school meals so that the school can access the appropriate funding for your children.

You can claim Free School Meals for any child who normally lives with you and who is classed as being under your parental care.

To get Free School Meals you must receive one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (and your net combined household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax)
- Income Support, Pension Guarantee Credit, Income-based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (With No Working Tax Credit) and your Annual Taxable Income does not exceed £16,190.

2. How do I register?

Read and complete the forms added to the school website. Make sure you sign it and then return to it to the address provided.

3. Do I need to fill in separate registration forms for each child?

No. You only complete one form which will ask for information about each of your children

4. Will other pupils know my child is receiving free school meals?

No. We provide the same food to all pupils and lunches are ordered and purchased in the same way for everyone. There is no difference at all.

5. Does my child have to eat the free school meals?



No and if your child brings a packed lunches you should still register because we will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways in school.

6. What if my child is self-isolating?
We are providing hampers for pupils in receipt of free school meals. These are provided by the Leeds catering service. We can deliver these straight to your home if you are not able to collect them because the whole family is isolating.
7. Are there any other benefits to receiving free school meals?
Yes! School receives extra funding (pupil premium) for every pupil who receives free school meals. We use this to run breakfast clubs, provide extra resources and offer support from specialist staff as well as a full programme of intervention. This money really makes a difference and it is important that you apply.

If you need any help with completing the form then please get in touch and we will do our best to help you.

Training Days 2020/21

Friday 17th December 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

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