13th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Every child in Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2, who attend a state funded school are offered a free school lunch. This is known as 'Universal Infant Free School Meals'. The cost of the school meal is met by the government and children are welcome to stay and enjoy a nutritious hot meal with their friends.

This is a Government initiative which aims to ensure that all children can benefit from a hot meal at lunchtime. Studies show that benefits include;

-              **A healthy diet
-              Improved concentration in the afternoons
-              Better behaviour and atmosphere in school as a result of all pupils eating together every day
-              A saving to parents of up to £400 a year for each child**

In order to promote Universal Free School Meals, we will be providing every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a school dinner on Thursday 19th January.

We would encourage you not to send a packed lunch, but should your child still want to bring their packed lunch as well the meal will be available for them to try alongside it.

All meals are freshly prepared and cooked on site and we are sure your child will enjoy the opportunity to try the following meal:

Hot Dog or Vegetarian Hot Dog

Chips

Biscuit

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones

Headteacher