

## School Meals



Hot meals are provided daily at a cost of £2.20.  
Dinner money is collected on Monday mornings.

Dinner monies can be paid in advance. If your child is absent there is a system in place linked to the attendance register and a credit is applied for that day. Mrs. Tither, our Office Manager, credits the cost of the number of hot meals not received and deducts them from the next bill.

Dinner monies **MUST** be settled by the end of each half term.

If a child has a dinner every day, the amount builds up rapidly i.e. £11.00 per week. We don't want to put parents in the difficult position of finding themselves in excessive debt at the end of term. If your child wants to change from a packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa please **inform school** before the next half term so that dinner patterns can be amended.

This also ensures that school does not bill you for meals not received, i.e. if your child was on school dinners and then decided to change to packed lunches from home but did not inform school then charges could still be made in error.

Money should be sent in a sealed and named envelope.  
Money envelopes are available from the school office at no extra

cost. Please collect in advance.

Alternatively, children may bring their own packed lunch from home.

If your child is bringing sandwiches for lunch please ensure that all drinks are in a plastic container – no glass bottles or breakable flasks please.



Superhero, Freddie the Frog, our healthy eating champion, encourages the children to eat a healthy balanced diet, keeping crisps and high sugar drinks and biscuits to a minimum.

## **Online Payment**

We are looking into dinner money being paid on line.

## **Universal Free School Meals**

Children in reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to universal free school meals and do not have to pay for their hot meals.

## **Further Free School Meals**

Some children in Reception through to Year 6 may be entitled to free school meals due to their financial circumstances.

If you believe your child may be entitled to free school meals, then please apply to the Local Education Authority.

If this applies to you and your child is in reception, Year 1 or Year 2 then please still apply as there is additional linked funding available to school based upon the percentage of children who are eligible for free school meals across school. The danger is that parents will not apply for access to free school meals until their child reaches Year 3 which would mean that school would have missed out on three years of additional funding. This funding is

spent on ensuring that those children achieve the very best they can.

## National Fruit Scheme



Our school children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible to receive free fruit daily as part of the National School Fruit Scheme. The children are given apples, bananas, pears, oranges, tomatoes, cucumbers and raisins.

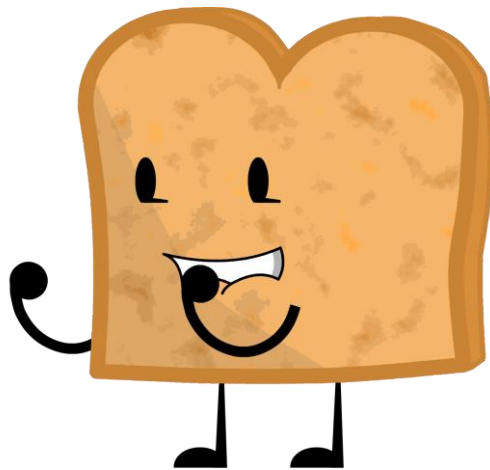
This is a major government initiative aimed at improving the diets of children. We do not permit alternative snacks at play-time apart from toast. See below.

## School Milk



Milk is provided for Nursery / Reception children daily. Milk money for the over 5's is £6 collected on a termly basis online via the Cool Milk Scheme. Details available on request.

## Toast



Toast (brown bread) is served by fabulous volunteers at morning break-time. Children pay 15 pence per slice. Children bring their money into school daily in a named purse or wallet.