



FAIRFIELD WEEKLY NEWS



Wednesday 11th January 2017

Headlines

URGENT - Free school meal census - please raise £1320 for the school.

SNOW - We will be open on Thursday 12th January whatever the weather.

Name of child _____

School Funding

The amount of money that schools receive to cover the costs of educating children is at crisis point and getting worse. Schools, including ours, are constantly having to reduce staffing levels and all of you will be aware of our frustration at having to create mixed aged classes because we can't afford the teachers and extra classrooms needed for single aged classes. Our building is old, crumbling and despite our efforts to create nice displays, unattractive and uninspiring to children. We are reviewing all temporary contracts in school and except in emergencies, not replacing support staff who leave. This reduces the vital interventions that we provide. You may have seen in the Bury Times Assessment Tables that we are one of the most successful schools in Bury in terms of progress and outcomes but this is increasingly hard to maintain.

PLEASE HELP!!

Over 10% of our funding now comes from Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) which is given for children who qualify for Free School Meals (FSM). This is one of the only actions the Government takes to recognise that some families have financial struggles which can impact on children's chances of succeeding in school.

Please help school by completing the attached form. This is not the Council being nosy - it is to find out if there are any families who could qualify for Free School Meals. This will give school £1320 per child of PPG funding. We are at present missing out on getting children this funding because of the fact that all infant children get a free meal.

IF YOU WOULD QUALIFY PLEASE INFORM US - £1320 IS ESSENTIAL! It will also help you. Children who qualify for PPG do not pay the transport costs on trips and can apply for other advantages e.g. reduced fees for music lessons, equipment for school journeys etc.

Please return the form by **Monday 16th January**. We must submit the number of children who would qualify for FSM in the school census on Thursday 19th January. No funding is allocated after that.

Snow

A reminder that it is our policy to minimise disruption to working parents by staying open on the first day of a snow emergency - even if we work with a skeleton staff. We would then inform you of our plans for the next day by text, information on the home page of the school website and announcements of any closure on Tower FM radio station.

Annie

DVD now available to hire. £1 per night.

Wellies

Please can any wellies (size 1 or larger) be donated to school. Thanks.

This Week

Thurs: Story Club FS and KS1 (4.30pm £3)

Fri: Rev Joyce Assembly 9.15am

Film Night - Finding Dory (5pm £5)

W/c 16/1/17

Mon: Owl Club Art Club - Pipe Cleaner Buddies (4.30pm £3)

Tues: Cookery Club (4.15pm)

Owl Club Homework Club (4.30pm £3) - **Free to PPG children**

Weds: Warburtons Healthy Eating Visit to school (North America and Africa)

Bury Council Recycle Campaign outside school at home time.

Owl Club Y3/Y4 Football (4.30pm £3)

Thurs: Netball match Y5/6 girls at Christ Church Walshaw

Story Club FS and KS1 (4.30pm £3)

Fri: Treat Night - Ceramic Decorating (4.30pm £3)



Pride Page



CATch Up

Lions were the winners of the Autumn 2 league table. They will decide their reward in the coming week.

Bronze Awards

The following have successfully been awarded 50 pride points and so have achieved the Bronze Award.

Sabrina Saleh