

Pegswood Primary School News

<http://www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

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Children in Need 2020

Thank you for all your donations for this charity last week. We managed to raise £214.82.

Free School Meals

If you feel that your circumstances have changed regarding employment or anything else and you now believe you may qualify for Free School Meals, please look at the advice below and follow the link to see. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

The application for Free School Meals is not referring to the Universal Free School Meals that were available to all children from Reception to Year 2.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

School Admissions

If your child is currently in Nursery, admissions is currently open to apply for a place in our Reception class for September 2021. The closing date for this is January 15th. If you wish to have a place at Pegswood Primary School, you must apply before this date. Although it seems a long way off, please take 10 minutes to register online and apply for your place. If you do not, there is no guarantee you will be offered a place, even though you attend our Nursery. If you have any questions, please ask any of the Nursery team or our office. The link is below:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>



Christmas Dinner

A reminder that orders for Christmas dinner must be made through School Grid by **Monday 2nd December**. Any problems, please speak to our office for help.

Wansbeck Valley Foodbank

Thank you for those who have donated items for the Wansbeck Valley Foodbank. Should others be interested in donating items, please drop them off to the office at school. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. A list of produce that has been suggested is:



Tinned meats/fish e.g. corned beef, ham, steak, mince, hot dogs, meat balls, chicken, tuna and salmon

Tinned vegetables/tinned pasta such as potatoes, peas, carrots, spaghetti and baked beans

Long life vegetarian/vegan items such as tinned vegetarian hot dogs, curry etc.

Tins of fruit in syrup or juice

Tinned rice pudding/custard

Tinned soup; any variety

Jars of jam or marmalade (shop bought only)

Toilet rolls

Toiletries: shower gels, roll on deodorants, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap

Tea bags and coffee (including decaffeinated)

Long life milk, full fat, semi skimmed and lactose free

Biscuits, Jaffa cakes or items such as this with a good shelf life

At this time of year, it is nice to be able to give out treats with the parcels. For example, small Christmas puddings, boxes of cakes, packets of mini rolls, chocolate coins

We do support those who have dietary needs such as lactose and gluten intolerances, so we are always happy to receive items like this too.

If donated, we also give out cat and dog food.

If you feel that you are in need of using the foodbank, the website address is below. You can contact them on:

Email - Wansbeckvalleyfoodbank@gmail.com

Phone - **07841 908477**.

Their website address is: <https://wansbeckvalleyfoodbank.org/>

