



Schools Newsletter

YOUR HALF TERMLY LOCAL FOOD LINKS
NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER 2019

A warm welcome to all our New Schools...

Welcome Back! We have had lots of new schools join the Local Food Links team this term; we would like to offer a very warm welcome to:

- ✓ Beechcroft St Paul's CE Primary School
- ✓ Sixpenny Handley First School
- ✓ Southill Primary School
- ✓ St Andrew's CE Primary School
- ✓ St Augustine's Catholic Primary School
- ✓ St John's CE Primary School
- ✓ St Osmund's CE Middle School
- ✓ The Harbour School

Christmas Lunch...



Christmas Lunch (poster attached) is on **Wednesday 18th December!** Christmas ordering - please let us know if you will be ordering meals for the whole school paid for by the school or PTA or if the parents will be paying.

Reminder to make sure that all your CHRISTMAS MEALS are added to the system by **TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER**, as this is the busiest day of the year and we will **NOT** be able to make any exceptions!

Top tip - View all orders by Monday 9th December to check all children are included.

Competition time...

It's that time of year again when we will be looking for our very own Picasso to '**Design our Christmas Card**'. We will choose 3 winners, representing Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3. Please can we ask that you encourage the children to take part in this competition, possibly set it as October half term homework for the children and also display the attached poster somewhere where the parents have an opportunity to linger and look! The closing date is **Wednesday 6th November**. We would also encourage you to send this to parents via parentmail or give pupils the opportunity to do this at breakfast clubs. Thank you.



Family Service...

We are always thinking of ways in which we can help your LSA's and maybe even make their working lives a little easier. Following the good practice set by Damers in Poundbury, the Prince of Wales in Dorchester is the newest school to offer the fabulous 'Family Service'. For those schools that missed it in the last school newsletter, here it is again! How does it work? The food gets put into large dishes by the LSA's (supplied by the school) and placed in the middle of each dining table. Then Year 4 or Year 6 children get assigned a table and serve up a meal for the younger children on their table. This is a great way to encourage older pupils to take on responsibility and to build positive relationships with the younger children.

To read the full story from the Prince of Wales visit

<https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/17888995.dorchester-school-welcomes-pupils-back-new-restaurant/>

If you have any photos you would like to share in the schools newsletter or on our social media pages then please email

Natasha.Elliott@localfoodlinks.org.uk



Good Practice...

Southill Primary is promoting School Meals via a link on their homepage, please see example below. This helps to make the ordering process easier and more accessible for parents/carers. We would love to see more schools follow the example below. Please contact Natasha Elliott if you would like any resources.

Featured News

Whole School
Hot School Meals: how to order
10 JUL

Whole School
FOSS (Friends of Southill School) first meeting of
18 SEP

Calendar

SEP	19	Karate Club 3.15pm - 4.00pm (Year 1,2,3) 3:15pm
SEP	20	Swimming - Year 4 8.45am
SEP	26	Karate Club 3.15pm - 4.00pm (Year 1,2,3) 3:15pm
SEP	27	Swimming - Year 4 8.45am
OCT		Boys & Girls Football Club

View calendar

Local Food Links AGM

Local Food Links is a Registered Society (new name for Industrial and Provident Society) which is a form of not for profit organisation or social enterprise.

We are a member owned organisation and schools and/or individuals can apply to become members. The letter which is attached, explains more.

If you or your school would like to become a member, please do fill in the attached form and return it to us. Our AGM will be **Wednesday 11th December**; deadline for returning the paper work to us for this year's AGM is **Wednesday 09th October 19** but Schools can join any time.

Menus & Ordering...

The new **Autumn 2 menu** will be online shortly, to order from **5th November** up until **Friday 10th January**. Please remember the 7 day notice period for not only ordering but block ordering as well.

Please can you check that **all** your pupils entitled to UIFSM know how to order, especially new Reception pupils that are now attending full-time? Perhaps it might be time-saving to place a default regular order for KS1? You could also pro-actively encourage any KS2+ pupils entitled to means-tested free school meals to take up their entitlement.

Please remind your parents/carers to order for the first and second week back (to make all of our lives easier!) - We would love you to send out an email/text reminder before the end of term and schedule another one during the half term!

A friendly reminder to enter trips and inset days onto the online system to prevent meals being ordered in error and to save yourselves lots of needless queries from parents. You can input trips for specific classes or year groups only or for the whole school. Any problems talk to Tim on 01308 428912. **Be mindful that the 7 day rule still applies; any meals cancelled within this period will be charged.**

If the pupils participating in the school trip/event are either entitled to a free school meal or have pre-ordered a school meal for the day of the school trip/event, we can supply them with a packed lunch provided that the School places an order on the Packed Lunch Form (hard copies are enclosed). Please note that the minimum order quantity will apply as usual, even if it is a whole school trip (in accordance with Schedule 2 of your contract).

The Nation's Favourite School Meal - 11th – 15th November 2019...

30 people, 30 stories



LACA (Lead Association for Catering in Education) celebrates its 30th anniversary this year and its celebration includes showcasing 30 school meals heroes in the lead up to National School Meals Week, 11th – 15th November 2019. All of these unsung heroes are dedicated to giving our children a healthy, nutritious and tasty meal on a daily basis and involved in delivering a school lunch from farm to fork every single day of the school year - From the Farmer to the Delivery Driver, the Cook to the Kitchen Assistant, the School Secretary to the Lunchtime Serving Midday Assistant. We are delighted that our very own Caroline Morgan has been selected as one of these unsung heroes, in recognition of her contribution to the school meals industry. Visit <http://thegreatschoollunch.co.uk/30-stories-30-school-meals-heroes/> to find out more.

National School Meals Week (11th-15th November) will soon be upon us and we hope you'll celebrate with us.

Kellogg's School Breakfast Club...

Kellogg's are offering your school the opportunity to apply for a grant of £1000 to help fund your breakfast club. A limited number of grants are available so priority will be given to those schools that have 35% and above of children in receipt of pupil premium funding.



Visit https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/feeding-people-in-need/support-for-school-breakfast-clubs/grants-for-schools.html to find out more about a grant for your school.

Friendly reminders:-

Ice Blocks...

Please remember to return any ice blocks the next day. Please can we respectfully ask that you hunt high and low, in cupboards and drawers and return any ice blocks that may have been accidentally put away in error!

Pink Wallets...

Please ensure the LSA's are using the Pink Wallets provided to return the portion guide feedback forms daily to the LFL kitchens.

Tins...

Please make sure all tins are returned clean and with stickers removed. If you have any spare tins please can these be returned too.

We are very sociable...



Facebook and **Twitter** are a great way for parents to keep in touch with all the goings on at LFL! We are also now on **Instagram**. We share the daily menu, new ideas we are working on and all the latest news.



Mailchimp – We would like to encourage more parents to sign up for our email reminders, please will you help with this? Please include this link on your school meal reminders <http://eepurl.com/tVadf> or ask parents/carers to complete our sign up form to receive our email (attached) – Thank you.

Please encourage your parents to find us online and join the conversation.

Useful contacts...

Blandford Kitchen – 01258 458326

Shillingstone Kitchen – 01258 860888

Weymouth Kitchen – 01305 753705

Bridport Kitchen – 01308 428927

Kathy Nicholls – 01308 428909

Tim Peel – 01308 428912

Caroline Morgan – 01308 428919

Barry Dovell Catering (& Allergy Lead) Manager – 01308 428921

As always, thanks for your support!

