

1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Census Day - Thursday 7th October 2021

This Thursday, 7th October 2021, is National School Census Day, when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we must report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day.

The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we receive for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We do not receive funding for the amount of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year.

On Census Day, we will be enjoying a USA themed menu as follows:

- Beef burger in a bun, served with potato wedges and beans or peas
- Quorn burger in a bun, served with potato wedges and beans or peas
- Filled jacket potato
- Choice of sandwich

ParentPay has not been updated to reflect this menu, instead we would ask that you choose the meat option if you would like your child to have the beef burger or the vegetarian option if you would like your child to have the Quorn burger. Please book a jacket potato or sandwich, if preferred, as normal.

A hot meal will be provided for every child in reception class, Year 1 and 2 to try on Census Day. Your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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