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## PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer



### School Website

The school website provides current up-to-date information for parents – [click here](#). For example, click on the [PARENTS](#) tab to see many pages of interest, including [school newsletters](#) and [lunches](#); the [NEWS AND EVENTS](#) tab where you will find [term dates](#) ([please see recently added term dates for 2024-25](#)), and the [Calendar](#) which is handy to see what is happening in school. [CLASS PAGES](#) tab is useful to see what is planned for your child's class.



### Playground Equipment

For safety reasons, may we politely remind parents/carers that children should not play on the school play equipment either before or after school. Thank you.



### REMINDER: PTA AGM – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 6.30 pm

All members of the Association and any parents, carers and staff are invited to attend. This is the time to discuss the running of the Association and a report will be given by the Treasurer on funds raised and how these have been spent. The Chair will highlight successes, thank those who have been involved and indicate what is planned for the next year. It is also the time to elect or re-elect members of the Committee. The meeting will be held at school, so please enter through the main entrance on Tranby Lane.



### REMINDER: Harvest Festival – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the children will be visiting Christ Church in Swanland, for a Harvest Festival celebration. Christ Church are collecting food for Hull Foodbank (Trussell Trust) again this year. Hull Foodbank only works with non-perishable food items (not fresh produce – only tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay:

**Tinned Fruit / Tinned Vegetables / Soup / Rice Pudding / Tinned Meat / Pasta / Beans**

The following would also be gratefully received:

**Breakfast Cereals, Rice, Tea/Coffee, Sugar, Biscuits, Snacks**

If the children would like to donate, they can bring their donations in on the morning of the Harvest Festival [Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October only](#). They will be kept in their classrooms and the children will carry them to the church themselves on the day. Please note, there is no obligation to donate, you do not need to bring a contribution to go to the Church.



### Change to School Dinner Menu for Census Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Next Thursday is national Census Day for all primary schools, where (amongst other key figures) the number of Key Stage 1 children staying for school dinners that day is recorded. This figure (along with the same figure recorded on the January 2023 Census Day) then determines how much Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) grant the School receives. This UIFSM grant is paid to the School to cover the cost of the provision of free school meals for our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and is paid at the rate of £2.53 per day, throughout the school year, for every child that stays for a meal on those October and January census days (a total of £475.64 per eligible child).



So, with this in mind, we are tweaking the menu next week to encourage as many children as possible to stay for a hot school meal on Thursday. Please see the 'Fun of the Fair' menu for the day ([click here](#)) – Beef Burger (Veggie Burger), Wedges, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, and Waffle with Chocolate Sauce for dessert!

May we please ask you to encourage your EYFS/KS1 child to stay for a hot meal that day or to try a hot school meal for the first time, if they have not already done so! Any additional income is very important for the School, so we do hope you can help. Thank you.



### Eligibility for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Families in receipt of certain state benefits are eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of the child's age. This eligibility for Free School Meals also determines whether the school itself receives the Government's 'Pupil Premium' grant, so it is extremely beneficial to the school to be aware of your child's eligibility, even during Reception and Key Stage 1 years.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- 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 are 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 consider that your child MAY be eligible for free school meals in relation to the state benefits which you receive, **please complete [this online form](#) BEFORE END OF OCTOBER 2023.**

If you receive confirmation that your child is eligible for free school meals, we should be very grateful if you would inform the School Office in strictest confidence. Thank you very much.



### Reception Admissions for September 2024

#### Information Meeting for Prospective Parents on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

If you have a child who will be joining us in September 2024 (or if you know someone who is considering applying for a Reception place for their child in September 2024) you/they may be interested in joining us for an Information Meeting for Prospective Parents on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 5.30 pm in the Small Hall at Swanland Primary School – all are welcome!



#### Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

We will be holding this term's Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings in school face-to-face on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. During these meetings, parents and teachers will be able to discuss progress made during the Autumn Term.

In the next couple of weeks, we will send out a letter for you to make your appointment using the Sign-Up Genius Link.



#### Well done!

Last weekend, Jacob and Evie completed their 50<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Junior Parkrun. Jacob has now run a combined total of an ultra-marathon and Evie has run a combined total of a marathon! They were awarded their ultra-marathon and marathon wristbands for their achievement. Well done Jacob and Evie!



#### ParentPay – Current Online Payments

- Year 5 Residential Visit to Robinwood (Deposit) – due Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Year 4 Visit to Murton Park, York – due Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Year 6 Visit to East Riding Theatre – due Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Year 6 Residential Visit to Cober Hill (Deposit) – due Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Dates for your



#### Autumn Term 2023 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

→ Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – PTA AGM at 6.30 pm (all welcome) **NEW DATE**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival at Christ Church, Swanland

→ Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Census Day!

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – PTA Bag2School Collection (*letter to follow*)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Visit to Murton Park (*see separate letter*)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – School Closes for October Half-Term Holiday (3.20 pm)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – School Re-opens After October Half-Term Holiday (8.45–8.50 am)

→ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Admissions Meeting for September 2024

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Immunisation Nurse in school – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations

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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Visit to East Riding Theatre

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson – Head Teacher