



Lunsford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you all had an enjoyable, restful Christmas break and were able to spend time with family and friends. It has been a busy first full week back with lots of learning taking place both indoors and out in spite of the very wet, cold and sometimes snowy conditions last week brought!

It really has been lovely to see all the children settling back into school, catching up with friends and sharing their news at the start of their learning journeys for this term. Well done and thank you everyone for a great start to Term 3!

Having experienced a little snow in the middle of the week last week, a reminder that following heavy snowfall any decisions around whether to open or close the school will always be made on the basis of the safety and welfare of all pupils and staff. This includes a daily risk assessment of the school building and grounds whilst ensuring that there are enough staff able to travel into school to enable us to operate safely.

In the event of severe weather, we will use Arbor email and SMS to contact parents in case of school closure. Please make sure that you check the contact details we have by logging on to your Arbor account to review your personal details. A text will be sent to all parents as early as possible once this decision to open or close the school has been made in addition to being communicated through all of our social media channels too, including the KCC school closures website <https://www.kentclosures.co.uk/>

A reminder that the closing date to apply for a Reception school place is this coming Wednesday 15th January, using the online application form on the KCC admissions website. Please do get in touch should you have any last-minute queries.

Look out for the year group newsletters, that were sent on Friday, to find out more of what your child will be learning in the coming weeks. As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via their class dojo or email address should you have any queries or concerns about your child in school. However, a reminder that these inboxes are only monitored at the beginning and end of the school day following which a response will be sent out within 48 hours. Therefore, any information for class teachers to be aware of during the school day should be given by calling the school office, following which the message will be shared with your child's teacher.

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At the start of this new year a reminder please of our expectations with regard to school uniform; all of our children are expected to wear regulation school uniform to school every day; a list of all permitted school uniform items can be found on our school website. In addition, a reminder that all items of clothing worn to school should be named in order that we can return any uniform that becomes misplaced to their rightful owner.

Our lost property continues to contain unnamed items that haven't been claimed so a reminder please to always ensure items are clearly named in order that we can return your child's missing uniform.

Reading Challenge On the winter theme, well done to everyone who has completed or started the Reading Agency's Winter Reading Challenge. By just borrowing and reading three books from your local Kent Library between now and the closing date of 20 February your child will unlock a limited-edition digital badge and a new Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep. Reading for pleasure is the bedrock of all learning and allows children and adults alike to escape the cold weather blues into another world of fun, fantasy or information and facts. For more information and to sign up, just visit wintermini.org.uk.

Nourish News

Thursday, 16 January, Jackie and Bianca from the kitchen will be providing a special menu to coincide with the second Census Day of the school year. Spring Census Lunch Day takes a snapshot of what is happening in the nation's schools. This snapshot is taken three times - one in September, this one in January and again in the summer term in May. The results are analysed by the Department for Education (DfE) and their colleagues across Government. The number of school meals that are being eaten each day is a key question on each census. The numbers help the treasury decide their budgets to schools, which as we know are always under threat!

As a result, we are keen for as many of our pupils, especially those who enjoy Universal (EYFS and KS1) and/or Benefits Related and Pupil Premium Free School Meals eligibility to try a school meal from the kitchen on this day - we are aware that many of you already have and love your hot meal every other day as well and would like these already high take up numbers to be reflected in our census return.

Our lunchtime partners at Nourish Contract Catering will be serving the following menu on Thursday:

- ❖ Jolly Rogers Burger in a Bun
- ❖ Davy Jones's Macaroni Cheese
- ❖ Jackets Potato - Look Out for the Topping
- ❖ Scurvy Avoiding Seasonal Vegetables
- ❖ Baked Potato Planks to Walk
- ❖ Chest of Jammy Treasure
- ❖ Captain Nourish's Biscuit

To enjoy this special Thursday treat all your child has to do is ask for school dinners when asked at registration in the morning. As indicated, dinners are free to every child in EYFS Classes and Year 1 and Year 2 as well as everyone in receipt of Benefits Related FSM and Pupil Premium funding.

To all other Key Stage Two pupils, meals cost £2.69 - payment should be made in advance by topping up the Meals section on your ParentPay account in advance.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

Mr Anscombe
Headteacher