

Pegswood Primary School News

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Free School Meals

Are you eligible to receive free school meals for your child? Even if they are already having a free dinner because they are in Reception or Key Stage 1, you can still apply for the 'traditional' free school meals and if successful, school will receive extra funds to support and improve your child's education.

Why should I apply for 'traditional' free school meals if my child is already having a free meal?

There are a number of reasons why you should still apply:

- Your child will immediately become eligible for free school milk.
- You will get help with the costs of music tuition.
- If your circumstances do not change, your child will automatically receive 'traditional' free school meals when they move into Year 3, without the need for applying.
- School will receive Pupil Premium income for every child who is registered for 'traditional' free school meals.
- All of these benefits even apply even if your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch to school – they just need to be registered for 'traditional' free school meals.

Would I qualify?

If you are in receipt of any one of the following benefits, then you may be eligible to apply and help us raise more funds:

- Child Tax Credit (Families receiving Working Tax Credit are not eligible)
- Income Support
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

If you think you may qualify you can complete the online form at www.northumberland.gov.uk or call Free School Meals at County Hall on 01670 623592. For more information speak to Mrs Stanton in the school office where your enquiry will be dealt with in complete confidence.

Parents/Carers Evenings

As detailed below, these evenings are in March and are a time for you to meet with your child's teacher/s and receive an update about their progress. At the same time, why not have a look at our new Year 5 and 6 area, our new changing rooms and new lockers that Year 5 will begin using after half term.

Diary Dates

Friday 12 th February	Valentine's lunch
	School closes for Half Term (3.00pm)
Monday 22 nd February	School opens after Half Term
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 9 th March	Bookshop
Monday 14 th March	Parents / Carers Evening
Tuesday 15 th March	Parents / Carers Evening
Friday 18 th March	Nursery Open Afternoon for Easter 16 new starters
Monday 21 st March	Easter Activity Week (More details to follow)
Wednesday 23 rd March	House DVD afternoon
Thursday 24 th March	School finishes for Easter holidays (3.00pm)
Monday 11 th April	School opens for Summer Term

