

# Pegswood Primary School News

<http://www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

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Now that summer has finally arrived, welcome back to school! I hope you all had a great summer break. The children have come back to school very enthusiastically and we have had a fantastic first week. They seem very settled already in their new classes. A special welcome to all our new starters and their families.

## Car Park

You may have noticed that we have a much improved and bigger car park for staff and visitors. The Local Authority completed the work over the summer break. The only remaining work to be completed is a new fence to replace the temporary fencing between the school and the car park. This is scheduled to be completed in mid-September.

## Breakfast Grant

Before the summer break, we submitted a grant request to supply breakfast to all the children. We were successful in this request and so from Tuesday next week, children will have the opportunity to have a piece of toast at the start of the day. There is no need for children to arrive early, but they will have this opportunity when the doors open at 8:40 a.m. If you do not wish your child to have a piece of toast, please inform the office via Class Dojo.

## School Library

A lot of work has been going on during the summer holidays in our library. Mrs Sligo has planned a new set-up in the library with brand new shelving and benching installed. We now have a beautiful environment for the children to read, work and learn.

We have planned visits from authors to come and work in our Story Centre alongside our children. It has been well used in the days we have been in school this week, with lots of 'Wows!' as the children have entered. A huge thank you to Mrs Sligo for sourcing the grant and organising the building work that has happened to create our new Story Centre. Photographs are on our website.

## School Dinners

If you have yet to sign up for School Grid to order and pay for your child's school dinners by card or direct debit, please follow the link to do so. All other dinner money should be paid in cash to our school office. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not need to pay for their meals as they fall into the Universal Free School Meals. Children in Years



3,4,5 and 6 will need to pay for their school meals unless they receive Free School Meals. If you feel that your circumstances have changed over the summer and that your child may qualify for Free School Meals, please see below. The school dinner price once again, remains at £2.40 a day.

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk>

### Eligibility for free school meals

The government has made amendments to the eligibility criteria since April 2018. This is to reflect the introduction of Universal Credit.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
  - Provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400
  - This is assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
  - Provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run on
  - Paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you should qualify for Free School Meals then please complete the below online form-

[https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free\\_School\\_Meals](https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free_School_Meals)

### Cool milk

If you would like your child to have milk in school, you will need to order it through Cool Milk – the link is on our website and below. The only exceptions to this are if your child is under five or your child receives Free School Meals. You cannot order milk through school.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>





