

# Pegswood Primary School News

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## Parents'/Carers' Evening

The first three classes will have their telephone consultations this coming week. Although Mrs Layton is recovering from an operation, she will be conducting Nursery parents' evening on Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Hume will be doing Reception's and Mrs Provett will be doing Year 5. The remaining dates for other classes are after half term.

## Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, you should have received a message with your half term voucher attached. If you think that your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please look below. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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're 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 apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2022. **Free school meals covers school meals, milk and Northumberland County Council food vouchers during the holidays.**

The application for Free School Meals is not referring to the Universal Free School Meals that were available to all children from Reception to Year 2.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

This has been a very tough week with at least five members of staff off every day. On three of the days, we had six and seven members of staff away. Thankfully, only two members of staff tested positive for Covid and we had four new cases in children. However, we have one more week until half term and on Monday, we welcome Miss France back to school after her maternity leave. Miss France will be returning to work with Year 6 on a Monday and Upper Key Stage 2 on a Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be no reading newsletter this week as Mrs Sligo is recovering from Covid.

