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 **Airwaves 10th January 2020**

 **No. 17**

Dear Parents and Carers

A very Happy New Year to everyone. The children have settled back into school very well this week, refreshed and ready to learn. The teachers are sending out their termly class letters and topic webs today so you will be able to see what they are planning for the children’s learning this term.

**In school this week …**

**School milk**

As we mentioned in the last Airwaves – we are offeringfresh milk daily to all our Reception and Pupil Premium children.  There is no cost to parents for this service.  Please could the parents of Pupil Premium children who would like their children to take advantage of this offer complete the slip attached with this Airwaves.  Reception children will all be offered the milk.  **If your Reception child has a medical reason why they cannot have the milk, please contact Mrs Shannon or the school office.**

**School Bus**

After much thought and discussion, we are changing the way we deal with bus queries. We have, up until now, been trying to solve any queries before putting the children on the bus. This has often caused the bus to run late both for our parents waiting at bus stops and for the next job the coach company has. With this in mind, from now on, we will hold back any children with bus queries to let the bus go on time and then ring to ask you to collect your child/ren from school. Please help us by alerting us to any planned changes to home time routines the Friday of the week before. Of course we can make last minute changes to the bus register as we know that emergencies arise. Please also let us know if you intend to collect your child as staff spend time looking for them if their name is on the bus/DX register – again, delaying the departure of the bus.

**School Dinners**

Please see the attachment regarding school dinners. We have also attached the menu for this term.

**FODs – thank you!**

A huge thank you to FODS and to all parents who have been part of recent fundraising efforts – over the Christmas break, Mr Beard installed 4 new smartboards to replace those that had stopped working. These were partly funded by FODs. Without this fundraising support, our budget would not permit us to purchase these educational enhancements. These smartboards will make an enormous difference to the children’s learning.

**Headlice**

Unfortunately only a week in and we have already been told of a few cases of headlice in both key stages. Please check your child/ren over the weekend and treat as necessary.

**Coming up ….**

**Census Day – Pupil Premium Funding - Thursday 16th January**

Next Thursday is census day for schools. This is when the government collects different pieces of information from all schools. An important piece of information they will be collecting is the take-up of the free school meals. **Some of our school funding is based on this information.**

With this in mind, we are asking that every child in Reception and KS1 has a hot school dinner on **Thursday 16th January to try - they can also bring a**

**packed lunch if they normally do.** It really makes a difference and means we won’t have to pay back any of our allocated funds.

The government will also be counting the number of children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding. If you are receiving any of the eligible benefits listed you can apply for free school meals and allow your school to receive Pupil Premium funding. The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help raise the attainment of pupils. It is paid to schools according to the number of pupils who have been registered as eligible.

Please follow this link for information about the simple application process:

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/pupil-and-family-support/education-welfare-benefits-pupil-premium-free-school-meals>

We urge you to apply even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and receives a free meal anyway. All children who apply successfully for Pupil Premium funding in 2020 will receive a free school jumper/cardigan.

**Clubs**

Gym and Stage Dance Clubs will start again next week and Mr Carrington will be running the Multisports sessions from next week for Years 2,3 and 4 again and we aim to offer this club to the younger children in the summer term. You will need to sign up online <https://www.cambridge-united.co.uk/> Art Club will return towards the end of February – look out for the letter!

**Don’t forget…**

As we start the new year, it is a good opportunity to send out a few reminders.

**Fitbits etc**. - We are asking that children don’t come into school wearing expensive wrist gadgets like fitbits or large multi functional watches. We can’t guarantee they won’t get lost or damaged and that would be very disappointing for their proud new owners. They can also be a distraction during lessons.

**Toys**/things from home – Please do not let your child bring in toys etc from home for the same reason, we can’t guarantee they won’t get lost or broken. They can also cause disputes at playtimes.

**Hair** – Please can hair be tied back at all times as this helps prevent the spread of headlice. Small, plain headbands can be worn to prevent hair going into eyes but no large, fashion hairbands please.

**Shoes** – we understand that shoes sometimes break or feet suddenly grow quickly and the only option is to wear non-school shoes. The general expectation is that school shoes, not trainers, are worn during the school day. If this causes a problem, please talk to your class teacher or to the office staff and we may be able to help.

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze
*Headteacher*

**Every week we will be including a top tip to help you support your child with** **Maths or English**.

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This weeks Maths Top Tip:

Make yourself aware of the Maths your child is learning in class. You can get this information from the school website or the topic webs sent home with your child.

The DX Club are getting ready for our next Holiday Club during February Half Term. We have spaces for up to 30 children each day.   We will be open from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February.  Early Bird prices of just £23.80 per child per day (or £15 per child per half day) are available until 31st January November.  Normal prices are £28 per child per day and £17.50 per child per half day.

To register your family and book spaces, please use the following:

<https://thedxclub.magicbooking.co.uk/Account/Login>

Please get in contact with Lisa Wood on 07855 225267 or email thedxclub@hotmail.co.uk

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|  | **Meat Free Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Red** | Herby Quorn bolognaise | Beef burger | Roast Turkeywith leeks | Chicken and bacon carbonara | Battered fish |
| **Yellow** | Macaroni cheese | Quorn Hot Dog | Quorn fillets with leeks | Tomato and herb tagliatelle | Veggie fingers |
| **Blue** | Tuna Mayo roll | Ham roll | Chicken roll | Egg mayo wrap | Cheese wrap |

**Lunches for week beginning Monday 13th January**

***Diary Dates***

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| Friday 7th February | Yr6 + Reception weighing and measuring. |
| Wednesday 12 February | Year 5+6 trip to the Museum of East Anglia |
| Friday 14 February | Winter Sports Day  |
| Monday 17 – Friday 21 February | Half-term |
| Monday 24 – Thursday 27 February | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Friday 28 February | Mid-Year reports |
| Wednesday 4 March | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 5 March | Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 25 March | KS2 Production – details to follow |
| Thursday 26 March | KS2 Production – details to follow |
| Wednesday 1 April | Spring term closes |
| Thursday 2 and Friday 3 April | Training Days |
| Monday 20 April | Summer term starts |
| Friday 8th May | May Day |
| Monday 25 to Friday 29 May | Half-term |
| Tuesday 21 July | Summer term closes |
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| Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September 2020 | Training Days |
| Monday 7 September | Autumn term starts |
| Monday 26 to Friday 30 October  | Half-term |
| Friday 18 December | Autumn term closes |
| Monday 4 January 2021 | Training Day |
| Tuesday 5 January | Spring term starts |
| Monday 15 to Friday 19 February | Half term |
| Friday 26 March | Spring term closes |
| Monday 12 April | Training Day |
| Tuesday 13 April | Summer term starts |
| Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June | Half-term |
| Monday 7 June | Training Day |
| Friday 23 July | Summer term closes |
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