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Our Lady's School

Weekly Newsletter

Could your child be entitled to a

FREE school meal?



Parents now have the ability to apply online for free school meals for any child attending a Halton school. This is done through the Halton website using the following link:-

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

A significant percentage of the funding our school receives is based on how many children are eligible for a free school meal. We are urging parents to access this link to check entitlement to free school meals.

- Q** My child is in Year 1 and already receives a free meal so why do I need to make an application? I am sure I would be entitled but I'm not bothering to apply until my child reaches Year 3 and I am asked to start paying?
- A** It is true that children in Years R, 1 and 2 currently receive a free school meal under a specific government initiative. However, the school does not receive any extra funding for these children. Please take a few minutes to check your entitlement using the link above which will then trigger extra funding.
- Q** My child could be entitled to a free school meal but he takes a packed lunch to school every day. What is the point of me applying?
- A** School receives the extra funding whether or not your child orders a school meal. Registering online will trigger this funding and may also be useful if your child does take a school meal on a particular day e.g. Christmas dinner.

If you would like any help to access the website to check your entitlement or if you have any questions please call into the school office and Mrs Brewer or Mrs Dyer will be happy to help.

CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY

If your child has accumulated 'hours' they should bring in their 'Children's University' passport during the week of 15th April. The hours can then be added on to the final total for this year.

END OF TERM

School closes for one week today (5th April.) School reopens on Monday 15th April at 8.55 am.



PARENT AFTERNOON / EVENING

We will be holding our Spring Term Parent Afternoon / Evening on **Wednesday 17th April between 1.30 pm and 6.30 pm. Please note that school will close at 1.30 pm for all children on this day.** Your child should have brought home an appointment letter last week. If you have not received one, copies are available from the school office

WHOLE SCHOOL HOLY WEEK SERVICE

There will be a Holy Week service, led by children in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 on Thursday 18th April at 9.30 am in church. All welcome.

EASTER EGG & EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

We will be holding our annual Easter egg and bonnet competition on Thursday 18th April. Children who wish to participate should bring their entries into school on Thursday 18th April.

IMPORTANT DATES – SUMMER TERM

All dates for the summer term will be sent out with the school newsletter at the end of Holy week (Thursday 18th April).

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance has been very poor this week with no class in either key stage reaching the school target of 96%.

Key Stage 1	Attendance %	Punctuality (No of Lates)
Reception	89.49	7
Year 1	90.00	6
Year 2	94.35	9
Key Stage 2		
Year 3	91.38	17
Year 4	94.52	17
Year 5	86.67	7
Year 6	93.00	8
Whole School Year to Date	95.19	