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CENSUS DAY AND UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEAL (UIFSM) - THURSDAY 19th January 2023

Dear families,

On **Thursday 19th January 2023**, it is national School Census Day. This is an important day for securing school funding as it is linked to pupil attendance on this day.

There will be a reward (an extra non-uniform day and biscuits for snack time) for each class who has 100% attendance on this day. We will notify parents about the classes that have achieved 100% and the rewards will be on Friday 20th January.

Census day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service, including waste disposal. To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 19th January 2023 rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

It is the amount of children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 eating the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs the funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 19th January.

Once again, we would like to encourage as many as possible to commit to eating a school meal on Thursday 19th January; this will record those children as having eaten on Census

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day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year.

Hopefully it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

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