



Burwell Village College Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently had our new caterers in place which has started really well. The children's meal take up is improving which means they are really well set up for the afternoon and hopefully relieves some of your workload at home.

Many children will have come home last Thursday talking about the Ice Cream Factory. This was a huge success and will be repeated throughout the year. I have no doubt that many children had school lunch last Thursday just so they could have ice cream as numbers were significantly increased. Now that children have tried the meals we wanted to remind you that all children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) and Reception are entitled to a free school lunch so please take up the offer whilst it is in place.

For children in Key Stage 2 (and particularly those who are now in Year 3) they may still be entitled to a free school lunch depending on family circumstances. If you claim certain benefits then your child may be entitled to a free school lunch. Please have a look at the website [here](#) or collect the information from the school office. If you are unsure or need some support to complete the paperwork please ask Mrs Shadbolt, Mrs Cleary or Mrs Taylor who will be more than happy to help.

We are working with the catering company to have taster pots for children who are unsure of some of the school meals. We will be inviting some parents into school to have lunch with children before the Busy Bees cafes and we will be running other themed events like Bonfire night. Christmas dinner is already planned and agreed and information will come out in due course.

The cost of school meals is still relatively low. A Starbucks Pumpkin spiced latte is £6.15 and a meal deal at Tesco is £3.60 with a clubcard. School meals represent good value for money. If your child has not had a school meal recently maybe it is worth trying one - perhaps fishy Friday would be a good place to start as they seem to be the most popular. Attached is the 3 week menu so you know what is coming up. This can also be accessed via the website [here](#). Payment for school meals needs to be made in advance of meals being taken please.

We can cater for most children whether there are specific dietary requirements or just 'fussy eaters'. You will be surprised what children will eat when they are with their friends that they wouldn't even touch at home.

Regards,

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