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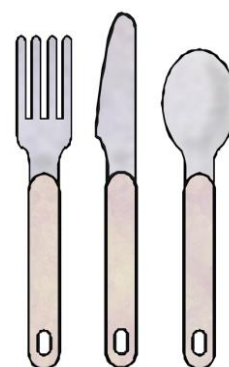
Dear Parents and Carers

School Meals – first half of spring term 2016 - Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have paid and continue to pay on time for school meals. Not only does it help with balancing our school meal registers each week it also saves valuable office time in chasing arrears.

The cost for school meals for the first half of the spring term 2016 is as follows:

28 days x £2.10 = £58.80



Debits and Credits

Please check your child's book bag on Thursday 17 December - if there is a credit or debit on their school meals account, you will have a note detailing how much you need to subtract/add to the amount shown above to balance your child's account.

Payment

Parents/carers can choose to pay for the cost of the full half term or to pay on a weekly basis. Cheques should be made payable to NCC. Please write your child's name and year group on the back of your cheque. If you are paying by cash, please place money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and 'school meals'.

Please note, if your child's school meals account is in arrears by more than two weeks, we will ask you to provide them with a packed lunch until payment is received. If you need any information about payment details/amounts due please contact Mrs Shevlin who will be very happy to help. If you are having any difficulty in paying for school meals or any other school activities please arrange to speak with me so we can work together to manage payments.

Menus

If you would like to see what the children are having for school lunch, menus are posted on the school website – *Information/School Meals/Menus*.

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can apply for this benefit online www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm, over the telephone on FSM 01670 623592 or by completing a paper application form which is available from our school office or FSM office, Wansbeck Square, Ashington, NE63 9XL or email FSM@northumberland.gov.uk. To be eligible for FSM you need to be in one of the following categories:

To be eligible for help you need to be in one of the following categories:

- Receive Income Support(IS) or Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Receive Income Related Employment Allowance (IREA).
- Have an entitlement to Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit (WTC) and the family's annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) is not more than £16,190 for tax year 2012/2013(this figure changes on an annual basis).
- Receive support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Receive the guarantee credit element of Pension Credit.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Ainsley
Head Teacher