

Thursday 09th January 2025

Dear Parents

Winklebury Federation

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School lunches Thursday 16th January 2025

The next Census day is Thursday 16th January 2025. As per previous years, in order to ensure we can access as much funding as possible under the government's Universal Free School Meal scheme for infant children, the governing body and I would really appreciate it if all infant children could take their entitlement to a <u>free</u> school meal that day. If you feel that this will be an issue for your child, please could you email the admin office by Monday 13th January, with your reasons why and Mrs Mathlin will consider it. **We can't emphasise enough how much difference this makes to the school budget.** Junior school children will still be able to have their own packed lunch from home as normal.

We have used the most popular meals chosen by the children both previously and under the new menu this term. Please note, the children will choose their preferred meal on the actual day, we will not be preordering lunches.

If your child has dietary needs and/or food allergies, and does not already have a special menu agreed with the kitchen please talk to the office as soon as possible.

Junior school – the junior school children will have the same menu as the infant's option but as parents pay $(\pounds 3.00)$ for these meals there is not the same requirement for the whole school to have a school lunch that day.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support. We will be having our 'lucky raffle' in the infant school only on this day whereby children who have a school meal, will be given a raffle ticket and could win a small gift.

The menu for Thursday 16th January will be as follows:

Green option – Margherita Pizza, chips and peas or beans Red option – Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans Blue option - Jacket potato with beans and cheese

The menu for Friday 17th January will be the menu that is scheduled on the flyer for Thursday 16th: Green – Vegan Mexican bean & vegetable savoury rice Red – Spiced Tex Mex chicken with wraps Blue – Jacket potato with cheddar cheese

Yours sincerely

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Mrs S. Mathlin Headteacher