Bridgewater Primary

Together rain or shine

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Dear Reception to Year 6 Parents & Carers,

We wanted to take a moment to inform you about an important event coming up on **Thursday 15th January,** which is the National Spring School Census Day.

As you may know, every child in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 is entitled to a free school lunch under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. It's crucial for us to see as many of these children as possible opting for a school lunch on this day, as our funding for the next financial year depends on the number of meals taken. This funding could be worth up to £80,000 per year if all eligible children participate!

To help us maximise our funding potential, we strongly encourage all families with children in **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2** to choose a school meal instead of a packed lunch on that day. We have planned a special menu featuring some of our most popular choices, including:

- **Red:** Beef Burger
- **Green:** Quorn Burger
- **Yellow:** Chicken Burger
- **Blue:** Jacket Potato with various toppings

Alongside these options, our salad bar will be available. For dessert, we will be serving chocolate cake with chocolate custard, fruit, and jelly.

If your child has a special menu, please contact us to discuss which options are safe for your child.

Moreover, if you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals. By applying, the school could also receive Pupil Premium funding worth £1,515 per pupil (2025–26). This funding can support your child's education in various ways, including their learning, emotional and mental health, and even financial support for clubs, trips, and other activities.

To check your eligibility for Free School Meals, please click here. It only takes a few minutes!

Thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

Bridgewater School

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