

St Margaret's at Hasbury Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

Universal infant free school meals

In 2014, the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme was introduced in England. This programme is an initiative provided by the government and is available to all children in reception and key stage 1.

Schools rely on this money coming into school to pay for food for lunches. The amount allocated to each school individually depends on the numbers provided on census day. You might recall, that previously on census day, St Margaret's offered a special meal and a chance to win £10 Amazon vouchers.

I appreciate that the kitchen closing has not been ideal for any child, parent and indeed myself, but it really is something that I could not control or foresee. Over the Christmas break we received further bad news of severe erosion of all hot water pipes supplying the kitchen, another cost to school! Please be rest assured that this will not delay the installation of mains electricity and the new kitchen, although the cost to do so has now risen considerably.

Children and staff at St Margaret's are fortunate to have a supportive parent community and this is the time where we really do need your support. If we do not receive the UIFSM funding next year, the money will have to come from elsewhere in the budget and this will inevitably impact all of our children and the resources available to them.

School census day is **Thursday 18th January**. All children in **reception and key stage one** will be automatically booked a school grab bag containing a sandwich (choice of ham, cheese, tuna, with butter/without butter, bread and butter), chocolate biscuit or cake, crisps, fruit, yoghurt and a drink (all dietary requirements will be catered for). This is a great opportunity for your child to try the school grab bag, if they haven't already and they might even find they like them. If you currently provide a packed lunch you are welcome still do so but, on this one day only, please can you also take advantage of the grab bag on offer.

Thank you for your continued support

Regards

Mrs Shepherd

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