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Dear Parents,

UNIVERSAL FREE LUNCHES!!!!

From September 2014 all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal.

At St Mary's we have decided, following consultation with the parent council to continue to allow you the choice of whether or not you take up this option for your child.

The school lunch menu will offer 2 hot main meals one of which is for vegetarians, jacket potatoes and a sandwich option. Please take time to look at the menu included.

Although you can choose to send your child with their own packed lunch we feel that the school menu caters for all tastes. The emphasis for the menu is 'healthy' foods and we strongly urge you to take up this free entitlement.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Did you know that you can add £1,300 to our school budget next year? Even though all infant children are entitled to a universal free lunch we still urgently need those parents in receipt of benefits to fill in the claim form for their child. If we do not have this form we will not get our maximum amount of funding.

We need ALL parents who receive benefits to fill in the attached school meals registration form to make sure that the school can claim the maximum amount of funding possible. This funding is called 'pupil premium' and you can look on our website address to see how important this money is and how we spend it to support the learning and achievements of children in our school.

If you prefer to do this by telephone you can call 0345 678 900 or you can also do this online at www.shropshire.gov.uk

We believe that the school lunchtime is a great opportunity for all our children to sit down together and enjoy their healthy and tasty meal, while developing their social skills. We therefore hope that parents will take up this offer of a free school meal for all our KS1 children.

Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

Kind Regards
Sally Shipley