

The Two Way Street

Universal free school meals will soon be upon us (September) for years Reception to Year 2. As you know, a survey has been conducted (many thanks for the tremendous response!) and it seems that over 95% of children will be taking up the offered free meal. This will have a huge impact on the school lunchtime so we hope that you can bear with us until we get into our stride! Currently, we have many children that are still forgetting to bring in their dinner money. Unfortunately, although kitchen staff do their best to slightly over estimate the amount they cook (based on the amount that have ordered), if we get multiple children forgetting, they can run out of food and so have to cook more, with your child having to wait.



In September please be aware that even though the meal will be free, **YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO BOOK THEM ON MONDAY MORNING!**



The kitchen staff need to know how many meals to cook and how much food to order, so all you need to do is provide the information shown below in the yellow box, on a slip of paper **OR** if you prefer, you can download and print a page of slips from the website to just cut out and fill in (click on 'For Parents' then click on 'Dinner Menu'. The dinner slips documents are situated in this folder). Milk or juice will not be provided but can be purchased at a cost of 20p per day for milk or 25p per day for juice. Please note, we have also produced a Key Stage 2 sheet of slips, for your convenience, that can be used for those pupils who still have to pay for their meals.

Child's Name.....
 Class.....
 Meal required on; -(circle as appropriate)
 Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri

Milk required		20p per day
Juice required		25p per day

(Please include money to cover cost of drink.)

To summarise!

- Print off slips **OR** write on a piece of paper stating all information shown on the slip adjacent.
- Send it into school **ON MONDAY MORNING** of every week (not daily).
- Your child will put it into their class 'dinner basket' (remind them prior to entering school).

If you are in any doubt, PLEASE call the kitchen staff on 01543 452193 and you can speak to one of our cooks.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation - we hope that this new venture will be seamless and will benefit all our children.



School Uniform

Historically, Buxton and Bonnet has been our main school uniform provider. Unfortunately, they have recently gone into administration and so Clive Marks, which is at the top of the escalator in the Quasar Centre, Walsall, have kindly agreed to take on this role. Tesco online can also provide the Nursery sweatshirts and polo shirts. The PE shirt that is worn by all pupils from Reception upwards can also be purchased here (go to www.tesco.com/ues). Please remember, when purchasing ready for September, that the uniform is as follows; -

<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Navy blue skirt, pinafore dress or trousers· Pale blue shirt· Navy blue jumper/cardigan· Navy blue tie with pale blue stripe· Black shoes with low heels· White socks / navy or black tights· Yellow P.E. polo shirt· Royal blue shorts / gym skirt· Black pumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Navy blue jumper· Grey trousers· Pale blue shirt· Navy blue tie with pale blue stripe· Black shoes· Yellow P.E. polo shirt· Royal blue shorts· Black pumps

Once purchased PLEASE LABEL!!!! Uniform is expensive and we cannot return unnamed items. We always end up with a very large container of lost property every term and this includes shoes, coats, drinks bottle and sandwich boxes.

A*STARS at St.Johns

A*STARS stands for Active Sustainable Travel and Road Safety. It is a joint project between Walsall Council and Walsall NHS.



The aim of the project is to reduce car use on the school run by encouraging children to walk, cycle, use public transport or car share. This will help to reduce our carbon footprint and improve the health of school children and their families.




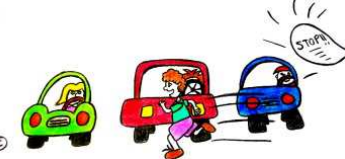


Around one third of all children in the UK are an unhealthy weight (overweight or obese). The number is increasing year on year in the UK. Obesity puts a child's health at risk as they are more likely to develop serious health problems including Type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease. Key findings from the 2011 NCMP found that:

- In Reception, over a fifth (22.6%) of the children measured were either overweight or obese;
- In year 6, one in three (33.4%) of the children measured were either overweight or obese;

Within school, we have tried many initiatives to try and address the areas of safety, sustainability and health. These include; -

- Bikeability training.
- Road safety training in small groups out on the local roads around Walsall Wood.
- Road safety quizzes.
- Whole school healthy eating projects.
- Increased physical education sessions in school with staff and professionals.
- Car seat training for parents.
- Scootability and scoot to school week.
- Walk to school week.....to name but a few!!!

We are aware that we still have a long way to go before we can see results, however, you as parents can play your part with very little effort. Help us and your child by: -

<p>Giving your child healthy lunch boxes or snacks.</p>		<p>Walk at least some of the way to school (use the lorry park on Brookland Road or Oak Park car park).</p>	
<p>Reinforce road safety rules when you do walk.</p>		<p><u>DO NOT</u> walk across the school car park, use the paths.</p>	
<p>If you have to use a car, <u>DO NOT</u> pull up on the school car park.</p>		<p>Get fit by taking your child to the park, to walk the pets or swimming (children go free!)</p>	

PLEASE think twice when walking to and from school - it only takes a second for an accident to happen!

If you have any comments, concerns or questions - why don't you email us on our brand new address specifically for the 'Two Way Street'

Email address:

twowaystreet@st-johns.walsall.sch.uk

