

10th January 2022

Dear Parents

Re: Term 3 Updates

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you all had a relaxing holiday. There are a number of updates to share with you:

Visiting Paralympic Athlete

On the 27th January, we will be having a special guest, Sean Gaffney, is a gold medallist, who will be coming to work with our students. The aim of his visit is to get students thinking about how they can be more active. We will also be raising funds for Sports for Schools.

Your child will be bringing home a sponsorship form to complete, we will be discussing this in assembly and emphasising that we should only be asking for sponsorship from adults that we know. If you would like more information, please see the sponsorship form your child has or call the Office.

Check if you are Eligible for Free School Meals

We are aware that the effects of the COVID-19 virus may have reduced some household's income and we are keen to work with our families to ensure they access any additional help available to them.

Parents with children in **Reception, Y1 and Y2** miss out on the benefits of free school meals (vouchers for clothes, food, fuel etc), because they think they don't see the point in claiming when they already get free meals. But it's not just about the funding you get, as a school we also get extra funding for students this means we can provide more things.

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below:

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support / Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Please check if you are eligible for free school meals! You can do this online by searching for Bradford free school meals or call the Office for support.

Staff Shortages

Please be aware that staff absences have been growing due to the pandemic and we have unfortunately had to close Nursery this week due to staff shortages. Where we do make the decision to close, it is because staffing levels would be too low to keep all students safe.

This is not a decision that we take lightly as we know the impact of class closures, we will do everything in our power to keep all classes open.

Snow

We are once again at that time of year when bad weather may force closures, please be aware of our procedures in the event this happens:

- **Text message will be sent out by 8am (at the latest) – please make sure the Office has your correct phone number**
- Update on the website and through local radio
- Students can access the online learning materials on the website

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Kind regards

Terri Leighton
Principal

