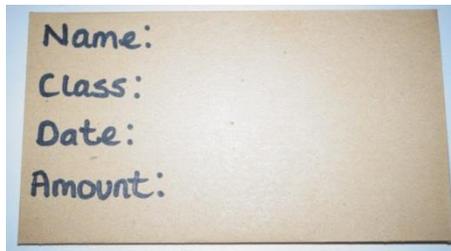


SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

Children losing their dinner money on the way to school has been a problem at Oakwood. To combat this, children who regularly have paid school dinners will be given an initial supply of small brown envelopes in which to bring their £2.02 dinner money to school each day. This should be named and dated on a daily basis.



Once the initial supply has been used, we would ask all parents to supply their own envelopes, which are available to purchase at most supermarkets.

Can we also ask that only the correct dinner money is sent into school as giving out change is a time consuming business!

We do hope that all parents providing school dinner money will participate as it will enable the collection of school dinner money to run more smoothly.

BUT why not just use Parent Pay instead – it's much easier!

CHANGES TO SCHOOL DINNERS

from Monday, 12 January 2015

THE NEW SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

Instead of providing just a roll for lunch, Oakwood Primary Academy will now be offering a full packed lunch for both Infants & Juniors, consisting of a choice of a tasty roll, biscuit, piece of fruit and a drink. This is primarily to encourage children who are entitled to Free School Meals, who would normally bring in a packed lunch from home because they are not keen on school dinners, to have a school packed lunch.

Piece of Fresh Fruit

Fruit Juice



Sweet Biscuits

Filled Roll

Vegetable Sticks

Some parents who are entitled to claim for Free School Meals have not done so as their child is not interested in having a school dinner. We are hoping that by offering this packed lunch option we will have more of a take up in providing lunches to FSM children, thus boosting our Pupil Premium for the school, which works out at £1,300 per pupil, being vital money which could be used by the school.

CHOICE SELECTION

As from Monday, 12 January, when your child orders a school meal in the classroom they will be given a coloured arm band depicting their choice of meal for the day, ie red arm band for a Main meal, green arm band for a Vegetarian. They are to wear the arm band all morning until they sit down to dinner, at which point it will be collected by the dinner ladies. If your child swaps their arm band with another child, they will be given the meal corresponding to the arm band they are wearing.



Hopefully this will make dinner times run more smoothly, ensuring that each child knows what they have ordered and will save time as the dinner ladies will not have to continuously check what every child has ordered.

PARENT PAY



As you are all hopefully aware, Oakwood launched ParentPay in October to enable parents to pay for school dinners via this system. It is an extremely efficient and secure way of paying for dinners and saves any money changing hands.

All parents would have been issued with an activation letter detailing log on details and a password for each individual parent to enable them to access ParentPay. If you have not registered and cannot find your original letter, please contact the office for a copy. If you need guidance on how to use the system, the office can help you with this also.

To date very few parents have made use of this service and we are asking to **“PLEASE USE THIS FANTASTIC SERVICE”**. You are able to pay in advance and select if your child is having a school meal for the entire week or you can merely select on a day to day basis.

If your child is an infant and receiving either Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals, ParentPay has requested that we still ask all parents to log on and select their meals for the week. It is irrelevant whether you pay for a dinner or not. This runs in parallel with Oakwood being able to monitor their Pupil Premium.