



## Are you Entitled to Free School Meals?

We understand that being in lockdown again has put further financial pressure on many families. As such we would like to provide information about how to apply for **free school meals (FSM)**. The government FSM scheme is based on a families income and what benefits they are in receipt of.

Following pressure from the Marcus Rashford campaign the government has reversed its decision not to offer free school meals during the Christmas holidays - a £170m winter grant distributed by local authorities will help provide support for food and bills to families in need from early December.

### Children in years - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

If your child is in one of these year groups your child is entitled to a free school meal under the governments current **UIFSM** Scheme. However, it is possible that the government could stop this scheme at any time. This type of free school meal will not enable families to access support from the grant mentioned above.

Even though your child is entitled a to a free school meal (UIFSM) you can still apply to the FSM scheme as outlined above, you may then be entitled to additional financial support over the Christmas holiday.

### All Families

- This additional funding will be managed by Cornwall Council and not school.
- Applications for FSM are managed by Cornwall Council. If you have a query please contact the Free School Meals team direct on [schoolmeals@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schoolmeals@cornwall.gov.uk) or 0300 1234 101.
- Attached to this newsletter is a FSM application form containing information about benefits and income. You can complete this form and send it to Cornwall Council. Alternatively, you can apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals) (this method will be quicker).



It is was lovely to see so many children dressed in spotty and Pudsey outfits. Many thanks for your donations to this worthy charity. We will let you know next week how much you have helped to raise (once the money has come out of quarantine!).

Our dance school, The Big Dance Company in Penzance are trying to raise money to buy the community building as the church that they have rented it from for the past 18 years are selling it. We love our studios, it's our second home. We dance there 9 hours a week and don't want to see it sold to someone else.

We would be grateful if you could take time to read and raise awareness and/or make a donation to the crowdfunder to help us save our studio. The Big Dance Company not only teaches us dance but raises awareness for lots of different causes all around the world, please visit to read more: [www.bdc.me.uk](http://www.bdc.me.uk)

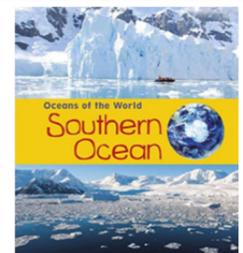
Thank you so much

Erin, Ella (class 3) and Esme (class 2)



### What are you Reading?

Ylva in year 3 is reading a fascinating book 'Oceans of the World: Southern Ocean' by Louise and Richard Spilsbury. "I really like reading about all of the animals in this books especially the penguins and whales. I have learnt that penguins only live in the southern ocean and that whales are one of the biggest sea creatures in the world. There are lots of storms in the winter and big crashing waves."



**The government has updated it's COVID-19 guidance for parents and carers - please see the link below (you will need to copy and paste it) ...**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

## *Clubs and Activities w/c 16th November 2020*

### **Parent / Teacher meetings this week**

Monday	no activities
Tuesday	am Piano lessons with Jo Cole pm guitar lessons with Harry Fayer
Wednesday	am Violin lessons with Susannah Pattinson am Piano lessons with Jo Cole pm Brass lessons with Kirsten Burden
Thursday	no activities
Friday	no activities

Woodwind lessons will now take place online.



### **Oblivious**

(adjective)

Not aware of or concerned about what is happening around you.

*"He was oblivious to the passing of time in the mornings, so was usually late for school."*