

23rd September 2024

Dear Families,

We are inviting all of our children across the school to join us in 'The Great British Harvest' celebration for this Autumn's census day on Thursday 3rd October 2024

What is Census Day?

This is an important day for the school because the DFE calculate the school funding on this day. They allocate a budget based on two main criteria:

- The number of children who are on roll and attend the school that day
- The number of children (in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) who have a school dinner on that day

What happens if my child is not in school or does not have a school lunch?

If your child is absent from school and does not have a school lunch, in KS1 and Reception, the school does not receive funding for your child. For example, if 20 children are off and do not have a school lunch, the school would not be funded for those 20 children creating a financial loss of over £80,000.

What is happening on this day?

All of our children across the Trust have submitted their creative menus for this year based on 'The Great British Harvest'. Mrs Eversfield and Mrs Huish have chosen the Dartington school winner and this has gone off to our Trust Kitchen Lead who will be deciding on this year's winning menu that will be prepared for **all** children across the Trust.

We are delighted to announce that our school winner was Sienna from Starlings who has designed a 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' menu filled with delicious seasonal fruits and vegetables filled with autumnal colours.

We eagerly await to the Trust winner for this year and will let you know as soon as it is announced.

The winning Trust menu will be available free of charge to every child!

What do I need to do?

Book your child a meal today! We will be providing every child across the school with a free school lunch on this day. Please choose whether your child would like the main/Vegetarian/Vegan menu and order on the MCAS App. This will be free of charge.

Thanks for helping us to get the school funding that we need for our children!

Best wishes

Mrs Charlotte Huish and Mrs Eversfield

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