Dear Parents,

## School dinners and milk

Once your child starts school, they are entitled to free school dinners up to Year 2 and free milk until the age of 5, you can then choose to continue with the milk if you wish. Children in class 1 also receive a piece of fruit each day, which is funded by the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Please let the school know if your child would like to try dinners for a couple of weeks first. Do get in touch if you have any questions about the system.

## School uniform and PE kit

Orders can be placed from Border Embroideries online. Please see link [www.border-embroideries.co.uk](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk) PE kit to include: T shirt – white or maroon, hoody or sweatshirt, trainers or other suitable outdoor footwear, shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and socks if girls wear tights.

## Help with paying for uniform

If you think you may be entitled to financial help towards paying for school uniform, a link to information on the Cumbria County Council website can be found on our school website (address above) – look under Information for Parents. There is no stigma attached, as no-one else in school knows you have applied. The school is also entitled to a small payment of extra funding from the Government (the ‘pupil premium’) for each child registered.

**Data collection** I have enclosed a blank data collection sheet. Please could you complete it as fully as you can – it is very helpful if there are 2 or 3 emergency contact numbers, just in case! Please add any medical information (eg allergies, medical conditions we should be aware of) to the bottom of the sheet – if you don’t we will presume that there is nothing we should be aware of. It would also be very useful if you could give your email address if you have one; it will mainly be used to send you copies of school letters just in case they go missing on the way home (if you would prefer to receive only email versions of letters, please let me know). Once you have checked the sheet, please sign and date it, and return it to the school office.

**Medicines** If your child may need to use an inhaler or other prescribed medication in school, please send this in too, as these need to be kept in the office. There is a policy for the Administration of Medicines; if you wish to see it, please ask.

**Birth certificate**

I would also appreciate it if you could bring your child’s birth certificate into school. The Local Authority is now recommending this so that records of children’s names can be kept up-to-date; our registers have to show registered birth name, as well as the surname the child is known by (if it is different). Once this has been done, it should not need to be checked again, and we will pass on the fact that we have already checked it when your child transfers to another school.

Thank you in advance for your help with all these matters.

Yours sincerely

Pauline Cleasby

School Administrator