



### **Delicious Dinners**

Mrs Katherine Wilson, one of our parent governors, would like to inform you about some exciting news for Ilketshall. Please read her letter below.

Dear Parents/carers,

I was very pleased to be a part of the recent decision making about who should be the school meal providers for all Asset schools. We were looking for a company who could assure us that they will provide a fresh, exciting, healthy and nutritious menu that, most importantly, will appeal to the children and continue to be a fair price.

Edwards and Blake have been given the contract. Their food was tasty, interesting and nutritionally well-balanced. The comments about the chicken pie they produced were extremely positive! I think lunchtimes will look and taste very different and I hope that our children will give the new meals a try after Easter.

The aim is to move away from the 'school canteen' feel and to create more of a café style. The ingredients will be better quality and the menu will be more varied (with more homemade food) and I'm confident the food produced will be much tastier, although the cost will remain the same. There will be opportunities for parents and carers, and their children, to come in for some tasting sessions, so that we can all 'get to know' the new menu. If you'd like to have a sneak preview of the type of menu that will be on offer, there is a brochure in the office, or I can try and answer any questions you may have.

Thanks

Katherine (Wilson)

Parent Governor

### **Outstanding Dinner Monies**

Across the school, we are currently owed almost **£700** in unpaid dinner money. We have never insisted that lunches are paid in advance and have always been very understanding of individual circumstances. However, this is putting a strain on school finances that we simply cannot afford. Now that we will be with a new catering provider we must insist that all lunch debts are paid **BEFORE** the Easter holidays. If you feel you may be eligible for Free school meals, please come and speak to the office and we will be able to advise you on how to claim or visit the website <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals>

In future, if a lunch debt becomes greater than £30 we will no longer provide your child with a hot meal and you will be required to send them with a packed lunch.

### **Sports Relief**

Tomorrow, we are very lucky to have a visit from Jordan Catchpole. Jordan is a Paralympic swimmer, he will be coming to talk to the children about his Olympic experience and going for goals. To raise money for Sports Relief, the children will be running a sponsored mile around the school field on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30p.m. If you wish to cheer them on or even join in please feel free to join us. Children can come to school in their P.E kits that day.

## **Our Schools App**

In order to ensure that communication between school and parents is even quicker, easier and more efficient. We have signed up to Our Schools App. This will allow us to keep you all updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information.

If you have a smart phone (either android or Iphone) you can download OurSchoolsApp from Google play or Apple Store for free. Access is also available on a tablet or iPad by following the same download process.

When we update OurSchoolsApp with new information or news about school a push notification will automatically be sent to your device to inform you of this update. You can then view the notification which will take you directly to our App.

### Instructions for download

1. Using your device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
2. Search for 'OurSchoolsApp' and download the app.
3. Once downloaded, us the search bar within the app and enter the postcode or the name of the school. 4. Hit the search button.
5. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
6. Confirm your choice by pressing 'OK'.
7. You will now be presented with the correct app for your chosen school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.

If you do not have a smartphone you can still view the app and the information online at [www.OurSchoolsApp.com](http://www.OurSchoolsApp.com).

We will now be sending all newsletters, lunch menus etc. out electronically. If you would rather receive a paper copy please complete the attached form and return to school. Permission letters for trips etc. will continue to be sent out in paper form for signing but a copy will appear on the app.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Hewitt in the School Office.

## **Bingo Night**

PTA will be holding a family bingo night on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30p.m. If you would still like to join us please contact the school office. Lots of chocolate to be won!!

## **Family Assembly**

There will be no Family assembly this week due to Sports Relief. Next week's Family Assembly will be on Thursday rather than Friday.

**Have a lovely Easter – School will reopen on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Mrs Winter 19-03-18**

**Dear school,**

**I would prefer all of the letters for**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(child/ren's name(s))**

**To be sent home as a paper copy rather than electronically through OurSchoolsApp.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_