18th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Good morning, I hope everyone in the Charles Darwin school community is well and ready for another week. Today’s zooms have been super positive; Dexter got very excited to see some other dogs too!

A reminder that this Thursday is Census day when our pupil numbers are taken by the DfE in order to put together our whole school budget for the next financial year.

**I know I’m like a broken record (who remembers them?) but having as many children as possible registered for income based free school meals by Thursday is extremely important for us as we receive an additional £1320 for each pupil registered.**

**This is different to the universal free school meals all infants are entitled to so even if your infant child gets a free meal you still need to be registered for income based FSMs in order for us to benefit financially.**

**As you know school budgets are really tight at the moment so if there is any chance your child could be eligible please call 0300 123 7021 or 0300 123 7039**

During the Lockdown the Government are offering Supermarket vouchers for all eligible children too.  
You can check the eligibility criteria and apply online using the link below.

If you apply online and the result says you aren’t eligible but you are in receipt of benefits and don't work, do contact the FSM team on 0300 123 7021 / 0300 123 7039 to double check.  
<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx>

Thank you for your support

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