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Silverhill Primary School Newsletter

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FAIR TRADE CAFÉ

Thursday 15th October
3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

After the great success of our first Fair Trade Café last year we are hoping to hold a Fair Trade Café with a different focus each term. Our first Café this term will be focussing on Permaculture. The children will be finding out about the principles of Permaculture in assemblies and through a Permaculture Club that will be set up shortly. Essentially Permaculture is about caring for our environment and each other and using different habitats and people to help and care for each other. Please put the date in your diary and come along and find out about something new.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please see the information overleaf about Free School Meals.

Reminder - Open Mornings

Open mornings start again next week. This is an opportunity for you to come and work alongside your child and find out about what they are learning about in class. The classrooms are open from 8.40 - 9.00 a.m. Children can only come into the classroom if they are accompanied by a parent or childminder.

Tuesday	Foundations Stage (after half term) Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday	Year 1
Thursday	Year 3 and 4
Friday	Year 2

Parents Information Afternoon Monday September 28th 3.45- 5.00 p.m.

A letter will be sent out next week detailing times for the information sessions and areas for meeting. Staff will be available to discuss issues and there will be a general meeting for the different year groups over the course of the afternoon. Please complete the form in order to cater for numbers.

NEW PLAYGROUP - FIRST ADVENTURES @ SILVERHILL

There is now a playgroup in school on Friday afternoons (2 - 3.15 pm).
The playgroup - for parents and pre-school children - meets in the Community Room at school.

Everyone welcome

£1 per family which includes a drink.

For more information please contact -

Jo on 07973 493251

PARENTAL HELP / ENRICHMENT AFTERNOONS

Please see the separate letter which has been sent home today with details of help required. Many thanks.



What are Free School Meals?

If you qualify, your child can have a school meal every day FREE of charge.

How will I know if I qualify?

You can qualify for free school meals for your children if you are getting:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit – but **not** Working Tax Credit – **and** your annual income is **not** more than £16,040.
- Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance ESA(IR).

However, free school meals cannot be claimed by families receiving Working Tax Credit or for children in care.

If I claim free school meals, will it affect my other benefits?

No – no other benefits are affected by claiming free school meals.

How do I apply?

It is easy to apply. If you claim Housing and Council Tax Benefit we will automatically deal with your claim for free school meals at the same time.

If you want to apply **for free school meals only**, please contact us and we will send you a claim form or you can get one from our website at:

www.derby.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

What if my child doesn't want a school meal every day?

Your child doesn't have to have one every day, but it's helpful if the school knows which days they want one at the start of each week. Menus are given to all children to take home so you know what is being served.

For more information about free school meals, please contact:

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Council House
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Derby DE1 2XG**

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