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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school for a new term.

**Free School Meals census day - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January:** Next Thursday is School Census day which is the date on which we have to supply data to the government about the numbers of children on roll, attendance and other information. The government uses this data to help them to plan for the future and to set school budgets.

One of the figures which we have to report is the number of children having a school dinner on census day as this is used to determine how much funding we receive to cover the cost of providing free school meals.

***We are not funded per meal that is taken each day, but only on the numbers having school dinner on two census days each year, one in October and one in January.***

The funding which we are currently receiving does not fully cover the cost of providing the meal as the snap shot figures in October and January do not include all children who will take a meal over the course of the year. Any shortfall in funding has to be taken from other parts of the school budget.

If your child sometimes has a school dinner we would be very grateful if they could take a meal on Thursday to ensure that our numbers fully reflect the percentage of children who have school dinners and that we receive the corresponding budget in the future. I fully understand that not all children will have a school dinner and completely respect the choices which parents make.

We are looking at the menu for Thursday and will endeavour to provide a popular meal and more information about this will be sent out early next week. Thank you for considering this request.

**St Ives Feast Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February – school closed** School will be closed for a staff training day. The traditional Feast Day events will be taking place in town.

**Dates this term:**

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Phonic workshop for Puffin parents in the morning (details to follow)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for St Ives Feast Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Phonic workshop for Chough parents in the morning (details to follow)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School breaks up for half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School starts after half term
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Interviews will be held this week
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Around the World Week (each class will choose a country to study)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term

Yours sincerely,  
*Joanne Dean*