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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Please could you help us achieve a big uptake on census day by encouraging your child to have our special census day lunch on 18<sup>th</sup> January?**

There will be a change to the menu next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January for census day when we will be serving our very popular meal choices, as follows: -

Vegetarian pizza  
Chicken nuggets  
Cheese and beans jacket potato

We have changed the menu to encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal on census day. Due to the cost of meals rising and a small increase in government funding, the school is subsidising 'free' school meals – the government funds £2.53 for each meal that actually costs £3. The shortfall takes money from the whole school budget amounting to approximately £12,000 per year.

Simply, the more uptake of meals we have next Thursday, the more funding we will receive into our budget.

We keenly ask your child to have a hot meal next Thursday. As a backup, children are most welcome to bring a packed lunch as well, just in case they don't enjoy the hot meal.

In order to accommodate our special census day menu, there will be a change to the school lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, when the following will be served: -

Quorn chicken pieces in a Yorkshire pudding  
Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding

***Please encourage your child to join in and have a school lunch on census day – many thanks.***

Yours faithfully,

Phillippa Longman  
Headteacher