



13<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

***Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?***

***Register now to make sure we don't miss out as well as it helping you!***

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

**For every child registered, Holme on Spalding Moor Primary School gets £488 this year.**

With this money our school can choose how to allocate support for groups of children to raise attainment.

**Please register before 12 January 2012 to make sure the school does not miss out on this additional funding.**

### **How does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, telephone **01482 394799**, answer a few questions and you will be told instantly whether you are eligible. (Information you need to have available - your name, date of birth, National Insurance number and the name and date of birth of each child attending school.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), and the school gets £488 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £488 extra.

***No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Your child will not be identified in class.***

***Please talk to Anne or Tracey in the school office about registering your child***

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Mark Alston  
Headteacher

### **Do you qualify?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves. **Come and talk to us if you're not sure.**