**Welcome back to school following the half term break, another strange week, but still a welcome break, and now we are back for another strange few weeks with the new Lockdown.**

**We urge everyone to adhere to the rules issued by the government of maintaining social distance, wearing a face mask, sanitising hands, not touching your face etc., not only when bring your child to and collecting from school but at all times.**

**It seems odd to do this, but we also need to remind you that school and nursery ARE open as normal, until we are told differently.**

**DINNER & SNACK**

If you wish your child to have **morning snack** please ensure that you pay **£2.50 per week** (50p per day) **payable a week in advance** (you can pay half termly or termly) onto **SCOPAY** – Trips and Events, Snack 20-21; for those that have been paying since September, you are in credit. **All children now have to pay for snack if they wish have school snack.**

**Reception and Key Stage 1** children receive Universal Infant Free School Meals and therefore do not have to pay for lunches, however children in **Key Stage 2** (**unless in receipt of Free School Meals**) will need to **start paying** **Dolce** for their lunches - **£12.00 per week**, (£2.40 per day); again if you haven’t got an account let us know.

Do you think that you may be entitled to **Income related free school meals (IRFSM)?**

Did you know that you can claim free school meals for each child if you receive certain benefits? Phone Cheshire East on **0300 123 5012** for further information and help, or visit: [**https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free\_school\_meals.aspx**](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx) to complete an on-line application.

**CELEBRATIONS**

Don’t forget, if your child has anything to celebrate that they would like to share with everyone? If so, please send us in a picture with a ‘write up’ or description of what the award is for and it will appear on the next Newsletter after submission.

**ABSENCE**

We would like to remind you that if your child is off school for any reason **you must let us know by 10:00am on the first day of absence**.

Failure to do so will result in your child receiving an unauthorised absence mark on the daily register which is checked by the Education Welfare Officer which can result in a fine for both parents.

**COATS**

Please ensure that each day your child has with them a coat for outdoor play and for coming into and leaving school.