

Monday, 11 November 2019

Dear Pupils, Parents and Guardians,

The past week was a steep learning experience for us all using the cashless system in the canteen. Please read the pointers below to help the cashless system in the canteen work to its best potential.

Cashless Canteen

Using the fingerprint is the fastest and most secure method of paying in the canteen. If anybody does not wish to or is unable to use their fingerprint a six-digit pin number has been issued. The College is not responsible for lost pin numbers once they have been issued. Your child's account can be topped up at any time, and is best done in advance, e.g. £15 would allow dinners to be bought every day for a week. Pupils will not be allowed out of class to top up their account. They should top up their account before or after school or during break or lunch but they should bear in mind that queues may be greater at break and lunch. The smallest amount of coinage accepted is 10p. Pupils, please make sure you log out of your account on the cash machine when finished by hitting the reset button.

Pupils entitled to FSM (Free School Meal Allowance)

FSM allowance is £2.80 and is automatically uploaded to their account at 10.15am every day. This can be used at break and lunch as long as combined usage does not go over £2.80. FSM pupils can top up their account and the FSM entitlement will be used first. If the FSM £2.80 per day is not used this is cleared at the end of the day and £2.80 is added the following day.

It is not possible to 'save' unused FSM allowance for money not spent or days absent.

The Future

The Online app will be launched soon for parents to load money directly- we will notify you as soon as this becomes available. The cash unit in school does not accept bank cards- cash only. Pupils can check their balance at the cash machine but priority will be given to pupils topping up with money.

Christmas Exams

Christmas exams start on the 11th December- that's just 4 weeks away. All pupils should have a revision timetable and should be revising. These are important assessment points in the year that we use to monitor progress and look at possible class changes. School reports will be sent home to parents in January.

Board of Governors

We are currently under represented by parents on our Board of Governors. The support and commitment of parents is a fundamental element of integrated education and is central to the development of our integrated ethos. The full board of governors meet no more than six times a year. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please let me know.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is on Wednesday 13th November in the Drama Suite at 6pm; everyone welcome.

Wizard of Oz

A few tickets are still available on Thursday and Friday; please contact the school office to book your ticket....it will be a great night!

As always if you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Passmore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Passmore

Principal