

Maidstone Infant School Newsletter - October 2009

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Hopefully you will all have seen the letter about school photographs and the new arrangements we are putting in place. The photographer will be coming to school on Tuesday 20th October to take the children's individual photographs. If you wish to have a family group with pre-school children please come to school at 8.30 and this can be taken before school starts. Siblings in school will be photographed together during school hours and this will be arranged by a member of school staff.



The cost of school dinners will be increasing after half term to £2.00 per meal (£10 per week). The new price will take effect from Monday 2nd November 2009. Please may I remind you that dinners should be paid for in advance on a Monday morning, and that cheques are payable to **Suffolk County Council**.



We have been asked to remind parents that Crossing Patrol Officers have the right to stop traffic outside of schools and that 'Stop' means 'Stop'. Complaints have been passed to the Local Authority about drivers failing to stop, being abusive and even driving around them while they are in the road! They are there to keep parents and children safe and they have a right to stop the traffic in order to do so. Please can we all be responsible on the road and respect the role that they play in keeping us all safe.



We will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 4th November at 9.00 o'clock and the topic of discussion will be 'Reading'. Please feel free to come along for coffee and an informal discussion and share any concerns you have with us about this topic.



On Tuesday 3rd November we will be holding a meeting for parents of Year1 and Year2 children to talk to you about the National Curriculum and the expectations of the children during Key Stage 1. The transition from the Early Years Foundation stage to Year1 brings many changes and for some children it can be quite difficult to adjust to the changes and new challenges. It is important that you are aware of what is expected of your child so that you are able to work with us and support them at home.



0 Please make sure your child has a P.E kit at school. Every day a number of children need to borrow spare school ones and there are not enough. Please only take it home for washing at half term and bring it back at the start of each new half term.