Dear Parents/Guardians

**Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

As you may be aware the government introduced ‘The Pupil Premium Grant’ in April 2011. This premium provides additional funding specifically for children from low income families, allocating much needed additional funding into the school budget. The Pupil Premium is given to us in April every year as a boost for those children whose parents currently claim Free School Meals (FSMs) and those families that have claimed it in the last 6 Years

As FSMs is part of the Pupil Premium Grant I am writing to all parents and carers to ask them if they believe they may be entitiled to claim for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. I am sure you will agree the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding.

The purpose of the grant is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for these children by paying teachers, specialist and T.A’s to support small groups, to reduce class sizes and give additional support to some of our most vulnerable children.

If you think that your income is low and you receive any of the benefits listed below, them please complete the forms attached and return them to the school office.

* Income Support
* Employment and Support Allowance
* Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190 without Working Tax Credits (as assessed by HMR&C)
* Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
* Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
* Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Further details and information about the Pupil Premium Grant can be found on our website under parent information.