

## **SAVE MONEY WHILST YOU ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE!!**

***Would you like to SAVE almost £500 a year (per child) on lunches, free school trips, financial support for the Year 6 residential, free holiday clubs?***

***YES! Then come and join us for a coffee and we'll help you apply for Free School Meal.***

All you will need to bring with you is your National Insurance number, any claim reference number you may have, but it will not matter if you don't have one as we can bypass that section.

If you would like any support completing the on-line form, then feel free to call in on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** when you drop off your child(ren) in the morning. **No need to reserve a place just sign in at the office and ask for Mrs O'Brien.**

It is also very easy to apply yourself if you wish by going to the following website [www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals)

### **Are you eligible? – Please ask us if you are not sure**

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (PCGC) support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190

### **Please do not apply/re-apply if the following applies:**

- If you receive Universal Credit and earn more than £616.66 per month (gross). The income assessment takes your last three months of earnings into consideration when making the decision. If you drop below this threshold, at a later date, you will be able to claim free school meals again.
- If you have claimed Universal Credit and are awaiting the outcome of your award. Free school meals cannot be awarded until a decision on Universal Credit entitlement is made
- If you are already receiving free school meals at the school your child attends. Please note, under current rules you will continue to receive free school meals for the child until they leave their current phase of education

**Please note: If you receive Working Tax Credit you will NOT be entitled to free school meals.**