**Universal Free School Meals**

As many of you would have read in the press recently, the government are offering free school meals for all Key Stage 1 children (Reception through to Year 2). This will take effect from the first day of the new school year – Tuesday September 2nd 2014.

Free School Meals (FSM) are also available to people who are classed as unemployed and receiving a qualifying benefit. The school receives a pupil premium £1,300 for each child, so if you think you are eligible please apply either through the school office if you require assistance or online at, [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=1098)(click to follow link)

If you do not register, you will still be entitled to the free school meal (if your child is in Key Stage 1) but the school will ***NOT*** receive the pupil premium.

If you need any further advice please contact the school office.