

# Merryhills Primary School



## Register for universal infant free school meals now!

**From September 2014, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will be able to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent or carer\*.**

School meals are healthy, tasty, social and fun and from September 2014 choosing a school lunch for your child/children will help save you up approximately £400 per year if you take up the offer.

**We anticipate that this will be a popular offer with parents and children. If you have a child who will be in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in September 2014, please complete the attached short form and return to the School Office in the attached envelope as soon as possible.**

### **Quality food, every day...**

Our catering staff are committed to provide:

- freshly cooked meals made on site
- many of our fruit and vegetables are seasonal and locally produced
- our meat comes from a local butcher and meets UK animal welfare standards and our fish is Marine
- our menus meet the Government's Nutrition standards and is a quality alternative to a packed lunch
- we have regular tasting events, and theme days to fit in with popular occasions and the National Curriculum
- meat and vegetarian options are available every day

### **Can my child still bring a packed lunch?**

Yes they can, but we would encourage them to try a school lunch. This will give them a varied and balanced diet and save you time and money. Even if you don't want your child to receive a free meal, we would encourage you to complete the form so that our school receives as much funding as possible. It is really important that you complete all the information asked for in this form as this will help us to see if our school is entitled to claim additional grant money called the 'Pupil Premium'.

To help us plan for the increase in children having a school lunch from September 2014, and ensure that our school receives as much funding possible, please provide the details requested on the short form overleaf and return to your child's school.

\*NB. A cash alternative is not available for those pupils not taking a school lunch from September 2014.