



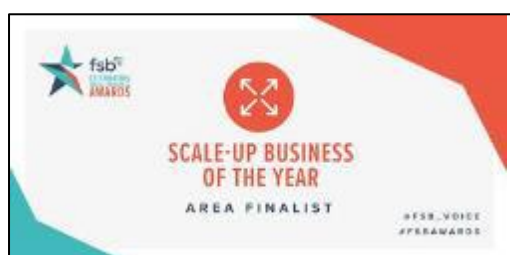
Fresh, Healthy, Tasty School Meals



School Newsletter January 2019



SCALE-UP BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD...



We are delighted to be shortlisted for the "Scale Up Business of the Year Award" in the South West area by the Federation of Small Businesses. All the hard work that went into planning the expansion: obtaining funding, securing contracts with 15 new schools, becoming a DCC approved caterer, responding to tenders and organising the new build has been recognised. The full LFL team effort of supporting the

new Weymouth Team for two months while they were homeless was also a critical part of ensuring the expansion was successful. We will find out on 8th February whether or not we have won the award and will, of course, let you know.

SCHOOL CHEF OF THE YEAR (SCOTY)...

We are delighted, and very proud, that **Chris Plowman-Hart**, Chef in the Shillingstone Kitchen, got through to the Regional Finals of this year's School Chef of the Year competition. Chris made a Fragrant Indian Banquet and Mango and Orange Blossom Cheesecake. Although he didn't get through to the Nationals the organisers said that he "had done an amazing job". Well done once again Chris!



EMERGENCY CLOSURE POLICY...

An email was sent out to all Schools on Monday 28th January from Caroline Morgan with regards to the Emergency Closure Policy for Local Food Links.

Some of our schools have signed up to the DCC Framework and therefore the framework rules will apply to those schools – this has been added to our Emergency Closure Policy.

If you haven't done so already, please could I ask Headteachers to let Caroline Morgan have their mobile phone number? The number would only be used in an emergency. Caroline's mobile number is 07837 000196.

Last year we wished to close a hub kitchen for the first time because of heavy snow and we couldn't do this until we had heard back from every school supplied by the kitchen.

Emergency Closures Policy (Updated January 2019)

LFL recognises that schools are sometimes compelled to close at short notice for unforeseen circumstances such as heavy snow or a major incident (fire, flood etc). This Policy clarifies each party's roles and responsibilities in these circumstances.

Local Food Links

LFL will endeavour to provide the Service in accordance with the Agreement on all contracted days but reserves the right to make short notice menu changes during unforeseen circumstances to facilitate this.

Schools

Schools are required to notify LFL as soon as the decision is made to close the school and early notification will minimise the costs incurred by the School. Please telephone your kitchen and Caroline Morgan, Chief Executive:

Bridport	01308 428927
Blandford	01258 458326
Shillingstone	01258 860888
Weymouth	01305 753705
Caroline Morgan	01308 428919/07837 000196

caroline.morgan@localfoodlinks.org.uk

LFL also asks that schools provide Caroline Morgan with their **Headteacher's** emergency contact number.

Charges for Cancelled School Meals for Framework Schools

Schools that contract with LFL via the DCC Framework for School Meals are required to give LFL 48 hours notice for each day of closure. Anything less than this will mean a full charge is applied (refer to Clause 16).

Charges for Cancelled School Meals for Directly Contracted Schools:

Day 1

Time Notified	Impact on Charge to Schools	
	Delivered in Hot	Cook Chill
Before 3pm previous day	No Charge	Full Charge (meal in school)
Before 9am same day	50% Charge	Full Charge (meal in school)
After 9am same day	Full Charge	Full Charge
No notification	Full Charge	Full Charge

Day 2 and subsequent days

Time Notified	Impact on Charge to Schools	
	Delivered in Hot	Cook Chill
Before 3pm previous day	No Charge	No Charge
Before 9am same day	50% Charge	50% Charge
After 9am same day	Full Charge	Full Charge
No notification	Full Charge	Full Charge

Please note that:

- When a cook chill school is closed, deliveries will be made during the early morning on the day that the school re-opens.
- LFL will contact the school for a list of students who have ordered online for each day of closure. Once the list is received, a credit (or partial credit) will be placed on the relevant child's account by LFL.
- LFL will raise a credit or partial credit for those individuals who order through the school.

Please contact Caroline Morgan if you would like to clarify your contracting arrangements.

BLANDFORD KITCHEN SERVING UP MEALS FOR 10 YEARS...



In February we will be celebrating 10 years since our wonderful Blandford Kitchen opened its doors for business. Since then Blandford has served up more than a million school meals and both Jayne Fry and Tracy Dawson have been there since the start and will be celebrating 10 years with Local Food Links too.



Pictured above are Tracy Dawson, Caroline Morgan and Jayne Fry
Smiles all round.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT VEGPOWER?...



One-third of primary school kids in Britain are overweight or obese. There are all sorts of different things that should or could be done, but here's a really simple one that'll have a massive impact – convincing

kids to eat more veg.

But there's a problem... many British kids don't really like veg. In fact 80% don't eat enough.

Our kids are bombarded with advertising all day, but only 1.2% of the food and drink advertising on TV is for veg. No wonder so few are eating enough! To draw attention to this challenge, an advertising competition in collaboration with Sir John Hegarty and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall had been launched.

The winning ad was created by [ifour](#) and went on show in 5,000 locations across the country. It went a little crazy on social media with celebrities, politicians, schools and supporters joining the fun. Backers include supermarkets, government departments, chefs, community groups, growers and people giving a few quid to support the mission. The aim is to inspire kids, support parents and encourage everyone to enjoy more veg whatever their other choices.

To find out more information about Vegpower please use the following web address <https://vegpower.org.uk/about/>

PINK LADY APPLE WRITING COMPETITION...Young Food Writer of the Year 2019



The Write It competition is back, with the chance for one of your pupils to be crowned Young Food Writer of the Year 2019. The children need to write a story on the theme of 'Food for Sharing' for their chance to win lots of fabulous prizes and an invite to the Winners' Lunch to meet some food writing heroes. Their writing can feature any food sharing occasion, from Sunday lunches with family to picnics on beaches, anything they like on the theme to get the judges' taste buds tingling. Please use the below web address for details on how to enter and for more information on prizes and TC's. <https://www.pinkladyapples.co.uk/competitions/write-it-2019>

The competition opened on 7th January and closes on 30th April, and the winners will be announced in May.

McDOUGALLS YOUNG BAKING TEAM OF THE YEAR COMPETITION...



Premier Foods is bringing back its McDougalls Young Baking Team of the Year competition for the fifth year running, and will focus on how cookery skills can help build children's overall confidence.

Schools looking to bake their way to the top spot should recruit a team of up to three enthusiastic 7-11 year olds and register online from Wednesday, 2nd January. The winning team will take home the jackpot of £1,000 worth of equipment for their school kitchen, whilst each of the four runners up will win £250 worth of equipment. The competition theme will continue to focus on local produce, encouraging schools to source ingredients within a 30 mile radius of their school for their McDougalls recipes – helping children learn more about where their food comes from.

McDOUGALLS YOUNG BAKING TEAM OF THE YEAR COMPETITION CONT...

After the recipe competition closes on Friday 17th May, the judges will whittle down the entries and invite five shortlisted teams to the live final at LACA – The Main Event on Thursday 11th July 2019

- Registration opens: 2nd January 2019
- Registration closes: 5th April 2019
- Recipes to be submitted: 17th May 2019
- Live final at LACA – The Main Event: 11th July 2019

Please use the web address below for registration and for more information:

<http://premierfoodservice.co.uk/2019/01/mcdougalls-young-baking-team-2019/>

CONTRACT REMINDER...

Please ensure that you have signed and returned your contract to Local Food Links ASAP. Any problems please contact Suzie King on 01308 428924.

SPRING TERM 2 MENU 2019...

We have just received our Spring Term 2 menus, which will be with you by Monday 4th February. Please remind your parents to order so that the first week back is easier for all of us! Have you also considered block-ordering for all Universal Infant Free School Meals?



TIPS FOR PARENTS ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCHES

1. Place your order and then look at View to make double sure you've ordered the meals you think you have!
2. Scroll through half terms and holidays to place your order for the first week back.
3. Order for the whole half term menu cycle. (Remember the 7 day notice period!)
4. Pat yourself on the back and think of all the time and money you've saved not having to make packed lunches!

WE HAVE A NEW FACE IN OUR TEAM THIS TERM...

- ✓ **Emma Miles** is our new Kitchen Manager in the Weymouth Kitchen and joined the team at the beginning of January.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL...



A very warm welcome to **The Forum Centre** in Blandford who join us in February!

DO YOU HAVE ANY BUDDING YOUNG CHEFS?...

Oliver from Dorchester Middle School and his sister Amelie from Winterbourne Valley First School, have been busy in the kitchen making the Macaroni Cheese and Pesto Pasta at home using our recipes. It is good to know that we are encouraging a new generation of cooks! We would

DO YOU HAVE ANY BUDDING YOUNG CHEFS CONT?...

love to see more pictures of dishes made by budding young chefs using our recipes, please do send us any pictures to us at LFL.

Please use the following web address to access our recipe book.

<https://www.localfoodlinks.org.uk/download-our-10-year-celebration-recipe-book/>



WE ARE VERY SOCIABLE...



Facebook and Twitter are a great way for parents to keep in touch with all the goings on at LFL! We are also now on Instagram. We share the daily menu, new ideas we are working on and all the latest news. Please encourage your parents to find us online and join the conversation.



MailChimp

We would like to encourage more parents to sign up for our email reminders, This provides an opportunity to share news, provide menu updates, highlight any theme days & special events and we would like to ask for your help with this. Thank you to the

schools that have put the attached signup sheet in book bags and returned completed sheets to us. If you haven't yet done so we would be grateful if you could! Please use this web address to sign up to parentmail <http://eepurl.com/tVadf>

SCHOOLS NEWLETTER...

Be part of our team as well as your schools team!

If you work as part of your school meals team and would like to receive the schools newsletter to keep up-to-date with information from Local Food Links then please drop an email to natasha.elliott@localfoodlinks.org.uk who will add you to our emailing list.

As always, thanks for your support from all the team at LFL