



Schools Newsletter

YOUR HALF TERMLY LOCAL FOOD LINKS
NEWSLETTER

A BIG 'thank you' from us to you...

We would like to say a BIG **'thank you'** for your ongoing support of Local Food Links over this academic year and we wish you a wonderful, and hopefully relaxing, summer holidays. We are a partnership and we couldn't do it without you – **645,512 meals** since Sept 2018 and still counting!

A warm welcome to our new schools...

We have lots of new schools joining us in September, we would like to offer a very warm welcome to:

- ✓ St Andrews CE Primary School
- ✓ St John's CE Primary School
- ✓ Beechcroft St Pauls CE Primary School
- ✓ St Augustine's Catholic Primary School
- ✓ Sixpenny Handley First School
- ✓ The Harbour School
- ✓ St Osmund's CE Middle School
- ✓ Southill Primary School

Inset Days...

As you know, LFL offers adult buffets which provide an easy and convenient way of catering for staff and visitors on occasions such as **Inset Days**, Governors' meetings, Sports Days etc.

Please **do** plan ahead for September! We know it seems a long way away but it's only a couple of weeks until we break up and emails to the Kitchen Managers won't be checked during the school holidays. We would love to supply lunches for your Inset days but please organise this with your Kitchen Managers before we break up.

- **Please email buffet orders to your Kitchen Manager, Tim Peel and Caroline Morgan.**
- **Please do not place orders on the system because these meals will be invoiced separately.**

Tin Amnesty!

- Please can we ask that you hunt high and low, in cupboards and drawers and return any tins, lids, thermaboxes, crates or other equipment that might be ours?
- We are very short of supplies and every bit helps! – Many Thanks

Veg Power Challenge...

Teach your pupils about healthy eating - This initiative provides free, fun-filled resources to teach your pupils about veg! You could also win up to **£300 worth of gardening equipment!** [Click here](#) to find out more!



Order reminder...

The new Autumn menu is online now and ready for you and parents/carers to order from **3rd September** up until **Friday 25th October**.

Please remind your parents/carers to order for the first and second week back (to make all of our lives easier!) - we would love you to send out an email/text reminder before the end of term and schedule another one during the summer holidays! **Some schools also order meals for all their free school meal pupils for the first 2 weeks back, could this help you at this busy time of year?**

Special days to look out for: -

Friday 13th September, Roald Dahl Day - To celebrate we will be serving Augustus Gloop's Chocolate Mousse.



Monday 30th September, Meat Free Monday - We are having another Meat Free Monday because 'One day can make a world of difference.' We know that many of our schools are eco schools and very passionate about green issues and there are environmental benefits from eating less meat.



Monday 7th October, National Curry Week - Order our homemade Chicken Curry with Naan Bread. Don't worry it won't blow pupils' brains out, ours is mild but very tasty!



Monday 21st October, Apple Day - To celebrate we will be serving Apple Crumble with Custard.

Tuesday 5th October, Bonfire Night - Get in the mood with Bangers & Beans and Toffee Apple Crumble!



MailChimp

Mailchimp – We would like to encourage more parents to sign up for our email reminders, please will you help with this? Please include this link on your school meal reminders

<http://eepurl.com/tVadf> or ask parents/carers to complete our sign up form to receive our email – please email natasha.elliott@localfoodlinks.org.uk if you would like a copy of the form re-sending. Thank you.

We are very sociable...



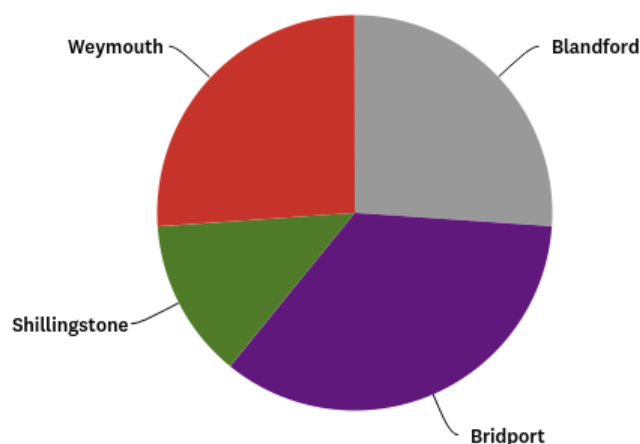
Facebook and **Twitter** are a great way for parents to keep in touch with all the goings on at LFL! We are also now on **Instagram**. We share the daily menu, new ideas we are working on and all the latest news.

Please encourage your parents to find us online and join the conversation.

Schools Survey 2019 Results...

Thank you to the **23 (46%)** of schools that took the time to respond to our recent Schools Survey. There were responses from schools in all areas, and this was also proportional to the number of schools each kitchen supplies.

Q3 Which is your Local Food Links Kitchen?



One of the key questions for us was Q9 (How would you rate our meals?) and this is summarised in the chart below. The combined results for the Excellent and Very Good responses results are: Overall 87%; Quality 78%; Taste 66%; Portion Size 34%; Daily Choice 56%; Weekly Variety 65%; Value for Money 57% and Online Ordering 59%.

Q9 How would you rate our school meals?



Thank you for all your positive feedback, particularly about Jayne and the Blandford team and Kathy, which were very well received. We were also happy to hear that our meals are 'better than Chartwells used to be,' and that schools are pleased both with the way in which we cater for pupils with special dietary requirements and with the contents and quality of our buffets.

Thank you also for your suggested improvements which will be looked at in greater detail over the summer holidays, along with portion sizes, and we will feedback in a future newsletter. We do however recognise the difficulties and limitations of our online ordering system and are actively working with software developers to scope out and source quotes for this project.

Thank you too for sharing our Parents Survey with your parents – Feedback from that will be shared with you when we have evaluated the 288 responses!

And finally, the thing you most want to hear – which school won the £50 Lifestyle vouchers?! The lucky winner is [drum roll.....] **Archbishop Wake Cof E Primary School** - Congratulations!

Useful Schools Checklist

SCHOOL MEALS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Add Inset Days/Events to the system
- ☐ Given out letters with the LFL unique codes for new pupils. (Have you got any pupils joining other years?)
- ☐ Dispatch 1 x menu per child
- ☐ Archive your leavers
- ☐ Check the pupil premium box is ticked (under Diner) for children entitled to FSM.
- ☐ Remember 7 day's notice to add or remove a meal (exception is pupil premium)
- ☐ Add the LFL Christmas Meal date to your calendar (18-12-19)!
- ☐ Block order for the September menu or add extra meals for the first two weeks of term
- ☐ Order Inset Day Meals
- ☐ Allergy form Annual Renew

By checking off all of the above we are hoping it will lighten the work for everyone at the beginning of September!



Christmas Lunch...

Date for your School Diaries - **Christmas Lunch** is on **Wednesday 18th December!**

Useful contacts...

Blandford Kitchen – 01258 458326

Shillingstone Kitchen – 01258 860888

Weymouth Kitchen – 01305 753705

Bridport Kitchen – 01308 428927

Kathy Nicholls – 01308 428909

Tim Peel – 01308 428912

Caroline Morgan – 01308 428919

Barry Dovell (Catering and Allergy Manager) – 01308 428921

As always, thanks for your support & have a wonderful summer break!

We look forward to working with you again in September.



Choose local. Choose freshly prepared.
Choose nutritious. Choose brain food.
Choose made to order, so less food waste.

Choose Local Food Links



Tasty nutritious food



Prepared with love



Happy, focused kids

