

Bantaskin Blether

20th January
2023



School lunches

By the end of January all lunches will need to be ordered **a week in advance online for all children** – whether you are entitled to receive a free school meal or you pay for it! You also indicate on the system if your child is bringing a packed lunch with them. The structure will be as follows –

- All lunches will need to be ordered by midnight each Monday evening for the following week.
- If lunches are not ordered by midnight on the Monday then you will need to provide a packed lunch from home each day during the following week.

This will commence on Monday 30th January with everyone ordering for the week beginning 6th February.

Parents Consultation

The next formal opportunity to meet with your child's teacher is scheduled to take place on the evenings of Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th March 2023. Details for booking appointments will come out at the start of February.

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Healthy lunches / snacks

As per our school guidance can we encourage you not to send children to school with fizzy drinks for snacks or lunch **and** to consider the level of sugar and fat content that the children consume for their snacks or their lunch (if they bring their own). To help the children get the most out of their learning in school, sugar highs and a high fat content doesn't let their brains function to its capacity. Treats and all things in moderation – but not on a regular daily basis please.

School lunches

A reminder that school lunches for all classes are now **12:15 – 1:00**. Each playground will have half of the children out to play first with the other half inside eating their lunches – then part way through the lunch break this swaps over. This will allow the children to have more space to play outdoors for part of the time and time to also meet with friends in other classes.

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Council Community Engagement

Falkirk Council are inviting all residents of the authority to provide feedback during a period of consultation regarding decisions that need to be made for the council budget being set for the next financial year. To provide feedback please type in the addresses from the other boxes in to a search engine and it will take you to the response pages. The school office will also send out a direct link. Thank you.

Budget feedback

<https://say.falkirk.gov.uk/tcc/budget-2023-24/>

Strategic Property Review

Article -
https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/news/article.aspx?aid=7326&r=7790&fclid=IwAR0kmNB4enRPdow0LxZ033er6Lee5YZ0XGdI9Z4ZucFf9zD-epDtgs_CYA0

Survey -

<https://say.falkirk.gov.uk/tcc/budget-2023-24/>

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Library changes

Libraries review

<https://say.falkirk.gov.uk/tcc/libraries-community-engagement-survey/>

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A reminder that all families need to have access to this system – both for trips and ordering school lunches (whether you pay for it, are entitled to receive them free or are provided with free meals as part of the Governments free meals for primary pupils scheme). **Please contact the school if you require any help in accessing and working the system.** We now have almost 80% of our families accessing the system – we need everyone to be using it please.

A riddle (from P4)

What has trees but only
on paper, rivers but no
water, buildings but no
cement or bricks,
parklands but no live
grass?

(answer next week)

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Potential Industrial Action

Further Industrial action (a strike day) is planned for all Schools in Falkirk on Friday January 27th. This is likely to mean that the school and nursery class will be closed to all children. Communication will come from Falkirk Council closer to the time to confirm this – if the strike action is to go ahead.

Dates for your diary!

- February holiday for children
Friday 10th Feb – Tuesday 14th
[Wednesday 15th February –
school opens at 9:00]
- Easter holidays – School closes
Friday 31st March and re-opens
on Monday 17th April (normal
times)

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