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### Free School Meals

If your financial situation has changed due to the current Coronavirus situation, you may be eligible to apply for free school meals.

#### These are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals:

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

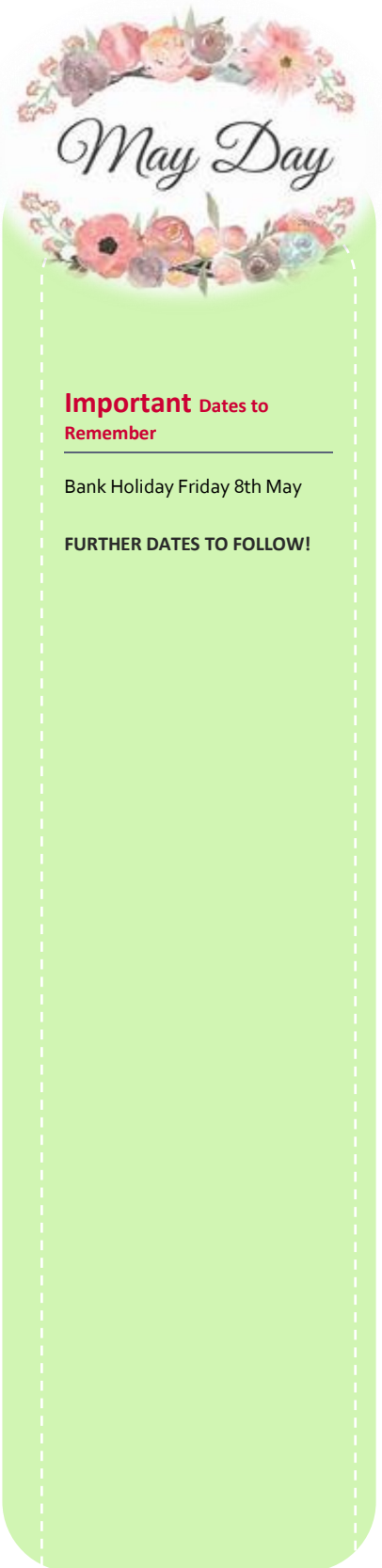
You can apply online by visiting the Gloucestershire County Council website, go to Education and learning and then School transport and free school meals. Click on 'Apply for Free School Meals' and follow the instructions. Replies as to whether you are eligible are pretty instant, so if you are unsure, it is worth checking.

### Times Table Rockstar Challenge

The school has been entered for a Gloucestershire Times Table Rockstar Challenge with other local schools. The competition will take place from 12th May to the 14th May from 10am - 1pm each day. So all the points scored in those 9 hours will count. There will be leaderboards for highest-scoring individuals, highest-scoring classes and highest-scoring schools. It is a competition led by Upton St Leonard's Primary and is open for children in Years 2- 6.

Please can you encourage your children to practise using Times Table Rockstars in preparation for the three day competition, as it will be about speed and correct answers and we will need as many children as we can taking part in the competition. Mrs Hulme will send out a message to all children on VLE nearer the time and will confirm details on how the children access it once it has been set up on our Times Table Rockstar system.

Hopefully this challenge will be something that they find fun and will get them engaged in practising their times tables.





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### Children's Work

We would like to remind parents that the staff are tracking and logging the children accessing the VLE or using the printed out packs, and will be contacting parents of children not accessing it regularly.

### Bank Holiday Friday 8th May

We hope you are aware that the Bank Holiday originally set for Monday 4th May has been moved to Friday 8th May to commemorate V.E. Day. School will therefore be open on Monday 4th May for children of key workers and vulnerable children who have previously arranged to be in school, but will be **closed to all children on Friday 8th May (Bank Holiday)**. Staff will not be accessible via the VLE that day because it is officially a Bank Holiday, We hope everyone enjoys their day with family.

