

Welcome back for the Summer Term!

Our Creative Curriculum topics this term are

Splash: Wet and Wild

Space Base: Source to Sea

Earthworks: Water, water everywhere!



Time Zone: Riveting Rivers

Thank you for all the support with our Rivers homework, we had some fantastic models and research. The whole school will be having a visit from NIFCA who will talk about the sea and rivers and bring some lobsters and fish for the children to meet!

We are all looking forward to the PTA Summer Fair at Bamburgh Pavillion on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>. There is an interesting collection of stalls already signed up and we are looking for Raffle and tombola prizes; these can be left at school. Offers of help and baking closer to the time would be much appreciated.

We have a very busy term planned and will try to keep you informed as much as possible. Thank you to all the parents who have joined our Facebook page, Ellingham school PTA-FACES, this seems to be a very effective way of communicating with you all. We will still send regular newsletters but our daily communication will be through Facebook.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the whole school and class photographs will be taken. Please make sure your child has full uniform and is neat and tidy.

Next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, John Davidson starts his block of Rugby coaching after school for Y3, 4, 5 and 6 this will finish at 4pm.

Next Wednesday Miss Baines will start her Healthy Lifestyle sports club for YR, 1 and 2 this will finish at 4pm

Next Thursday Together Time will start again.

Later in the term:

Y 5 will be camping on the school field;

Y3 and 4 will be going on a residential visit to carry out a Town study of Alnwick;

Year 1, 2 3 and 4 will be exploring seas and rivers;

Reception and Early Years will be going to the beach.



Please have a PE kit in school. Always bring a coat. Don't forget swimming on Thursdays. Please stay away from school for 48 hours if you have been sick or have diarrhoea. If you wish to discuss anything with a Parent governor please use the dedicated, confidential email address [ellinghamparents@gmail.com](mailto:ellinghamparents@gmail.com)



Milk this term is £13.50. If your child had milk last term it will have been ordered again for the Summer Term, unless you have spoken to Kathy. If your child turns 5 this term, milk will need to be paid for. Please speak to Kathy a.s.a.p. if you want to make any changes. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council.

The cold sandwich option is back for the summer term. If your child wishes to change we require a weeks' notice.

**Lunch costs this term will be as follows.** £2.30 per day for Y 3 - 4 and EY's, £2.60 per day for Y5/6

**For Y 3, 4 and EY's** the cost is £11.50 per week. £66.70 for the first half of the term, £80.50 for the second half and £147.20 for the whole term.

**For Y5 and 6** the cost is £13.00 per week. £75.40 for the first half of the term, £91.00 for the second half and £166.40 for the whole term.

All money needs to be sent in to school on a Monday morning in a clearly marked envelope, detailing what you are paying. All cheques, unless advised otherwise, need to be payable to Northumberland County Council. Please do not send money in children's pockets with no indication of what it is paying!



There will be 13 swimming sessions this term for Y1,2, and 3 (£52.00) 6 sessions for Y4 (£24.00) Reception children will have 7 swimming sessions in the second half of the term (£28.00).

In the second half of term when Reception go swimming Y4,5,6 will have some opportunities to go across to the Forest school.

We continue to have our Fair Trade tuck shop to purchase Geo bars and Juice to have after swimming, or PE. Goebars and juice are 50p each.

The school website will be regularly updated with events this term and the new lunch menus for the summer term are available under Information. [www.ellingham.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.ellingham.northumberland.sch.uk)

Formal assessments take place during May. Full attendance would be appreciated for all of our pupils.

The school is still suffering from intermittent internet drop outs at the moment. This is being rectified, however, if you have emailed the school about changes to school transport, but not received an answer, please do not assume we have read the email.

Please can you make sure that PMX Parentmail has your current mobile phone number. We cannot update your details.

From September 2018, we will be offering after school care until 5.30pm. The cost will be £5.00 an hour including a snack. We hope that this will be a popular option for working parents. As well as regularly booked in children, there will be an option to book this at short notice as long as you let us know by 2.30pm. We would welcome further questions and any feedback you can give us as to how you would like to see this facility develop.

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