

Spring 2018 Newsletter 1



Welcome back to the new term. Our Creative Curriculum topics this term are
Splash - People and Places - Living long ago and what is life like around the world.
Space Base - The Victorians
Earth Works - Groovy Greeks
Time Zone - The Mayans. '

We have realised, that increasingly, the quickest way to relay information to parents, is through our School PTA Face Book page. We try to answer questions on the same day and have found it useful to update parents collecting children from a school trip, or clarifying timings for homework. If you are not already a member, please can we urge you to join. The group is called Ellingham School PTA FACES. It is a closed group. Newsletters and Headteacher updates will continue to be sent through PMX Parentmail. Please make sure your details are up to date.

Mrs Wilkinson was delighted with her retirement gift of euros and has asked me to include the following:
"I would like to thank you all for your kind words and generous gifts on my retirement. I shall be putting the euros to good use when I visit Rome and Florence in April"
Those of you who have read the staffing update sent out via Parentmail will realise that we have since persuaded Mrs Wilkinson to stay with us, one afternoon a week for the next 2 terms!

Mrs Hammond has also asked me to thank you for her generous gift of a voucher for her favourite 'Mick Oxley Gallery' She currently has her hands full with her new grandchild and is enjoying her family time.

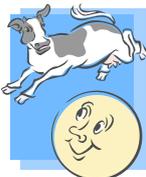
Lunch costs this term will be as follows:



For Y3, Y4 and Early Years the cost is £11.50 per week. £57.50 for the first half of the term, £64.40 for the second half and £121.90 for the whole term.

For Y5 and Y6 the cost is £13.00 per week. £65.00 for the first half of the term, £72.80 for the second half and £137.80 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. Telephone card payments can be made on Tuesdays.



Milk this term is £10.60 unless your child is under 5 for the whole term or has free school meals. There are some Reception children who will turn 5 this term so please bear this in mind. Any child who paid for milk last term will be charged again this term unless you have spoken to Kathy.

Y1 - 4 are swimming this term. There will be a total of 10 swimming lessons this term at a cost of £4.00 per session. We are now subsidising swimming ourselves. We are very grateful to those parents who pay on a regular basis and would ask those parents that are struggling to at least make a donation.

No earrings are permitted for PE or swimming. Please make sure your child can take their earrings out themselves. A number of pupils have now mastered this. If you are allowing your child to have pierced ears please take it into consideration that they need to be able to do this after the 6 week period. If they have only just been pierced please speak to Kathy if you have not already done so.

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

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The PTA AGM will take place on Tuesday 6th February, in school at 4.30pm. Please could as many parents as possible attend. You will not routinely be roped in to help at something, but we do make funding decisions that affect your children, so your input would be welcomed,

Robinwood trip for Y 6

The residential trip to Cumbria is growing closer. Some parents have been making regular payments. Please look out for the final bill and paperwork that needs to be filled out as soon as possible. As we need to take a minimum of 10 pupils, we have one space and would like to offer this to any Y5's who would be interested in coming. Please let Kathy know by next Wednesday. If we have more than one, we will draw a name out of a hat. The cost is £120.00 for a three day visit to Robinwood, Barhaugh Hall Activity Centre. Further details of the activities can be found on their web site.

The Fairtrade healthy tuck shop is open on Thursday lunchtime so that snacks and drinks can be purchased to eat after swimming. Geobars, and drinks cost 50p each.

It seems likely that the weather is to remain wet, and get cold again. Please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves in school. In the event of school bad weather closure, information will be sent by text, and will be on the school and NCC website and Radio Newcastle. **It is your responsibility to update your details in PMXParentMail so that you receive letters and texts.**

The after school clubs for Badminton and Cricket are now full. We will let you know when Together Time will start again, after half term.

Y3 and 4 Homework will in future be set on a Tuesday and due in the following Monday. This week's homework about the Minotaur will now be due in on Monday 22nd January. The next spellings will go out on Tuesday 23rd January and tested on the following Wednesday.

Date for your diary - A fun night not to be missed.

**Friday 2nd March Lucker Village Hall 5.30pm - 8.30pm Tickets available soon
£7.00 adults, £5.00 for children.**

**Ticket Price includes a Full Hog Roast, potatoes, salads and all the trimmings or
a scrumptious Vegetarian alternative.**

80's Disco with all the classics * Bar

*** Hog Roast * Retro Raffle * Fancy**

Dress Prizes * 80's Kids Quiz *

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