

Spring 2019 Newsletter 1

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Welcome back to the new term. Our Creative Curriculum topics this term are

Splash- Forest Fun

Space Base - Time Travellers

Earth Works - Remarkable Rain Forests

Time Zone - The Shang Dynasty



This term we have some exciting trips and events planned. There will be a Chinese New Year work shop in school for KS1 and 2, and a visit to the Life Centre for EYFS and KS1. Y 6 are getting very excited about their residential trip to Robinwood (Please could any remaining money be sent in a.s.a.p.) Other trips are in the planning phase.

We have realised, the quickest way to relay information to parents, is through our School PTA Facebook 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 will continue to be sent through PMX Parentmail. Headteacher and class blogs will be updated on our website and alerts put on our Facebook page when this has happened. We have an open door policy for parents, please ask any questions.

Please make sure your PMX Parentmail details are correct. If you have recently changed your mobile number we cannot update your details for you. Texts will be sent out in an emergency so please double check if you are not sure.

Lunch costs this term will be as follows:



For Y3, Y4 and Early Years the cost is £11.50 per week. £69.00 for the first half of the term, £69.00 for the second half and £138.00 for the whole term.

For Y5 and Y6 the cost is £13.00 per week. £78.00 for the first half of the term, £78.00 for the second half and £156.00 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 £10.75 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.

On Tuesday 5th February, Chinese New Year, we will be having a special Chinese themed lunch. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home and would like to have lunch that day please let Kathy know, the cost will be £2.30.



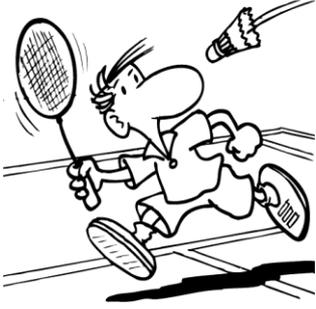
Y1 - 4 are swimming this term. There will be a total of 12 swimming lessons this term at a cost of £4.00 per session. . We are very grateful to those parents who pay on a regular basis and would ask those parents that are struggling to at least make a donation.

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 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.

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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.

It seems likely that the weather is to 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



Badminton after school on a Monday is now full. There will be 5 sessions of badminton up until half term. Badminton will then move to a Thursday night (6 sessions). On a Monday after half term there will be Rugby for Y3, 4, 5 and 6 (6 sessions) Please give your name to Kathy for the Rugby. Each sports session after school will be £2.50; this can be paid each week or termly.

As you are aware, we trialled after school provision during the autumn term. We are continuing to offer this provision from January 2019, tailored to the needs of the parents who are actually using it. After school club will run on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 4.30pm. Tuesday will continue as a construction club, Wednesday will be a craft club and Thursdays will be film night. The older children will be given the opportunity to complete homework or take part in the activities. Charges will be on a sliding scale £5.00 until 4.00pm and £10.00 until 4.30pm. We will review this termly and continue to tailor our provision to your needs, but also to ensure sustainable staffing. If you would like a booking form please let Kathy know.

Provision can still be booked on the day, provided we have other children signed up.

Please make sure your child has a full, warm PE kit in school the weather is getting colder and they will be doing PE outside. Y5 and 6 who are studying dance with Miss Baines need trainers in school, they will not be comfortable dancing in school shoes.



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