



Summer 2018 Newsletter 3

If it's hot please apply sun cream to your child before school.
 If it's cold please make sure they have a coat.



Please can you read this carefully there is important information about the many events coming up in school. We apologise for the short notice for some of the Sporting fixtures, they are organised by other people.

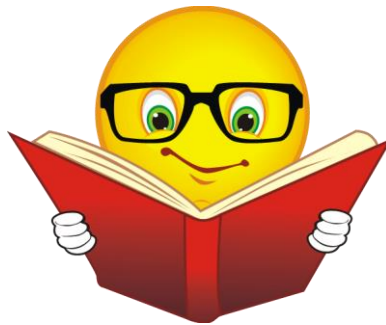
It is very busy for the rest of this term, please ask us if you have any questions.

Our internet connection is still unpredictable. This is being rectified by BT, but is a slow process. If you email us, particularly about home time arrangements, please do not assume we have received it unless you have had an answer. If you are changing arrangements for school transport please phone the school.

Our last 'Together Time' session will be on 28th June. Unfortunately, we will not be able to continue the sessions in September. We would like to say a huge thank you to Angela Feather and Julie Hammond, who together with Mrs Swinbank, have made this after school club so much fun for the children.

Miss Baines sports club will continue during a lunch hour from September.

After School Club from September 2018



Following a number of parental requests, we will be running after school care until 5.30pm every school day from September 5th 2018.

The After School Club will have a theme each day and will be open to everyone at school: Early Years – Y6, at a cost of £5.00 per hour. We would prefer you to pre-book a month in advance, but we may be able to take bookings on the day – before 2.30pm, depending on the numbers. We will run the first hour with themed activities or a chance to complete homework for the older children. The additional hour and a half will be a time for children to choose from a number of supervised activities.

Monday

Arts and Crafts

Tuesday

Construction – Lego, Knex etc

Wednesday

Healthy Lifestyle

Thursday

Games



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Friday

Film Friday

The clubs will be run by school staff and volunteers. Everyone will have a CRB/DBS. The charge will include a healthy after school snack eg. cheese and crackers, popcorn, fruit, yoghurt etc. and a drink.

Please get in touch if you are interested in having a booking form, or would like to ask any questions.

Sessions will be invoiced on a monthly basis.

If you would like to use this facility from the beginning of term in September, please let us know before we break up for the summer holidays, to enable us to plan staffing levels.

On Monday 11th June, representatives from Y3,4,5 and 6 will be playing an inter school tag rugby match. Your child will already have come home with a sticker. Please send them to school in full School PE kit with a water bottle.

On Tuesday 12th June, Y1 will be sitting their phonics test; please make sure your child is in school and arrives promptly.

On Thursday 14th June, we will be having Judo taster sessions for R – Y6 throughout the morning.

On Thursday 14th June, 21st June, 28th June, 5th July, 12th July, 19th July (6 sessions), Y3, Y2, Y1 and RECEPTION children will swim. Y4, Y5 and Y6 will go to our Forest School with Mrs Swinbank and Miss Baines. They will need long trousers, boots or walking boots.

On Friday 15th June, we have planned a night of adventure for our Y5's : tents, campfire, outdoor cooking and school like you have never seen it before! Further information has been sent to the Y5 parents.

On Monday 18th June, teams from Y3,4,5 and 6 will be competing in an inter-school athletics competition. The pupils will be informed individually.

On Tuesday 26th June, Y3 and 4 will be going to Brinkburn Priory for an RE project day. The children will need smart, full uniform and sensible walking shoes and a coat / hat, sun cream, depending on the weather.

On Wednesday 27th June, Y6 will be going to Newcastle Cathedral for the Newcastle Diocesan Leavers' Service. Smart school uniform and sensible shoes please.

On Friday 29th June – All Y3 and 4 will be in an interschool tennis festival. They will need full school PE kit.

On Monday 2nd July, we will be holding our Sports day. **There will be no school transport available on this day** to allow us to extend the timing. If you are not intending to come to Sports day and your child travels home on school transport, please let us know so we can make arrangements for your child to get home.



On Tuesday 3rd July, Y3 and 4 will be attending the Alnwick Music Day at Alnwick Gardens. The children will only be there in the morning and will perform at approximately 10.30am. In the past, parents have tried



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to go and watch but due to the unconfirmed and changeable nature of the performance, parents have been disappointed and missed their children perform. The garden is open to visitors on that day.

On Tuesday 3rd July, we will also be hosting our annual Cross County event for the Alnwick Partnership schools.

On Thursday 5th July, our Y6 children will be going to a transition day at the Duchess High School. We will transport them as a group and return them to school for 3.00pm. **(this is different to the original information)** Our remaining children will also have a transition morning on July 5th within school, moving up to their new classes and, if applicable, meeting their new form teachers for September.

There will also be an opportunity for the parents of Early Years children moving to Reception to meet with Mrs Swinbank after 3.00pm to ask any questions.

On Monday 9th July, Y1, Y2 Early Years and Reception will be going to Beadnell beach as part of our water topic. The children will need a bucket and spade and suitable clothing for the weather.

On Tuesday July 10th – Wednesday 11th, Y3 and 4 will be going on a residential visit to Alnwick Hostel. Details have been sent out.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 11th July, we have a Commonwealth Sports Athlete visiting the school and doing a fitness session with all of the children. This will be a sponsored event, with the money going to support our future generation of young sporting hopefuls through the charity Sports for Champions. We believe this will be an inspirational visit for our children and supports our healthy school status. Y3/4 pupils will return in time to take part in this.

On Thursday 12th July, Y6 are having a transition day on the beach at Alnmouth to get to know some of their peers from other schools. More information will be sent to Y6 parents.

On Wednesday 18th July at 9.30, we are holding a Leavers Service at Ellingham Church. Our recent change to Primary status means that this is our first Leavers service for 2 years. We hope our Y6 parents will be able to join us. The children will walk across the field to the church. We would be delighted to see as many of you as possible.

On Thursday 19th July, Y6 will be going bowling after school. Y6 have decided this is what they would like to do for their end of term treat before they move on to High school. Further details will be sent out to Y6 parents.

For any parent who has a child moving into Y3, please be aware that lunches will no longer be provided free of charge by the Government. Please let us know if your child will not be having a school lunch in September.

For children moving into Y5, please be aware the lunch increases to £2.60 a day and includes a piece of fruit at break time.

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We are still looking for a regular parent volunteer to help out with swimming from September. There is no need to go in the pool! If you are interested please speak to Kathy, as we would need to have a DBS check in place for September.

Please ensure that any money owed for lunches, swimming etc. is up to date. If you need a bill calculating before the end of term, please ask Kathy. The last day of banking will be Monday 16th July. Balanced accounts for the end of the school year need to be submitted that week. If your account is not paid in full by 16th July, you will receive a phone call on the 17th and be asked to come into school to pay it on that day, or a card payment will be taken over the phone. Thank you to the large number of parents who make regular payments for swimming. We appreciate that there are some families struggling to do this, but even a donation at the end of the year would help. In September Y1, 2 ,3 and 4 will swim on a Thursday.

A milk letter will be sent out shortly, please return as soon as possible (This will only be sent to the children who had milk this school year. If you would like your child to have milk and have not received a letter please get in touch.) This doesn't apply to the children starting Reception.



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