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The Future Begins Here.....

5th September 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! A very warm welcome to our new starters, we hope you have all had a lovely Summer. It's great to see the children back looking happy, healthy and ready to learn. We are also really pleased to welcome Mrs Robertson back to Class 2.

It was lovely to see you all at the end of last term at our celebration assembly and Summer fayre. We thought you would like to know we raised a whopping £298.05 yet again proving that we may be small but we are mighty!!!

We have yet another busy term planned and lots to tell you about.....

Yoga Sessions – Starting Wednesday 5th September (All Pupils)

This term all pupils will be taking part in weekly yoga sessions starting today. Debbie Macalister, from YogaBugs will deliver half hour sessions to each key stage on Wednesday afternoons.

YogaBugs is aimed at bringing the traditional benefits of yoga, namely breathing and relaxation, to young children by acting out exciting storybook adventure. Positive impacts achieved as a result of introducing weekly yoga sessions are:

- Improved Listening Skills
- Improved Concentration
- Improved Behavior Skills
- Improved Social Skills

We look forward to meeting Debbie and are sure the children will benefit greatly from these sessions.

Whole School Trip to 'The Great Exhibition of the North' - Thursday 6th September

Please ensure your child is at school no later than **8.45am** for a **9am prompt departure** to Newcastle. Pupils **MUST** wear full school uniform, sensible shoes and bring a suitable waterproof coat. We are expecting to arrive back at school normal pick up time, **3.15pm**.

We kindly ask for a **£5 per child** voluntary contribution towards this visit.

If you have not already signed a parental permission slip please see Emma as soon as possible.

School Photographs - Monday 10th September

Tempest photography will be in school from **8.30am** on Monday 10th September. Each child and sibling group will have their photograph taken and a proof sent home for your inspection. Orders can be returned to school or ordered direct online should you prefer to do so. Children are to arrive as normal to Breakfast club/school on the day.



Whole School Swimming Lessons – Monday 10th September 2018

(Reception pupils joining from Monday 17th Sept)

Swimming will recommence for all pupils on **Monday 10th September 2018** and each consecutive Monday following with the last session being **Monday 1st April 2018**.

Lessons will again be held at Ashington Leisure Centre. Pupils and accompanying staff will be collected by coach at 12.30pm with lessons running from 1pm – 1.45pm. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school each Monday.

The cost will remain at **£4.00 per child per session**. Our school is charged up front for all sessions in a term whether your child swims or not. Having shouldered this cost for the past year, school is now unable to continue to do so therefore the cost of the block of lessons will have to be passed on regardless of whether your child attends each session.

Should you wish to pay on a ½ Termly basis (based on 1 child):-

10.09.18 – 22.10.18 = £28.00 per child (up to Oct ½ term)

05.11.18 – 17.12.18 = £28.00 per child (up to Xmas break)

07.01.2019 – 11.02.18 = £24 per child (up to spring ½ term)

25.02.18 – 01.04.18 = £24 per child (up to Easter break & final session)

Total for duration of lessons £104 per child

Please complete the attached permission slip and return to school by Friday 7th September.

Parent Target Setting Meetings – Beginning Monday 10th September from 1pm

It is very important that we work together to ensure your child gets the most out of their time here with us. To help achieve this we need to share the children's individual targets with you. You will shortly receive an appointment to meet with Sam and a Governor to discuss your child's targets and positive ways to help and support during the coming year. We look forward to meeting with you and hope you can all attend.

Music Lessons

Class 2 will continue music lessons on a Thursday Afternoon with Mr Burns from Music Partnership North. These will begin on Thursday 13th September.

Reading Dogs North East

Minnie, our beautiful reading dog will continue to visit school with her owner Anne on Tuesday afternoons to listen to children read. This is a great initiative that has already shown positive results so we are extremely grateful that Anne is willing to continue the programme this term.

Anti-Bullying Week, 12th and 16th November

Pupils will take part on various activities during the week to help promote positive relationships. We have arranged for BigFoot Arts Education to visit school in November to deliver an assembly based around this year's theme 'Choose Respect', with the aim of encouraging children and young people to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.

NHS Nasal Flu Immunisations

These will be taking place in November for years Reception – Y5. Further information and parental consent forms will be sent home soon.

As always if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Emma in the school office to make an appointment to see us.

Kind Regards,



Samantha Mason
Headteacher



**Linton Primary School
Parental Permission Form
Swimming**

Lessons to be held at:
Ashington Leisure Centre
Lintonville Terrace
Ashington
NE63 9JY

I do/do not give permission for my child/ren to attend:-

**Weekly Swimming Lessons at Ashington Leisure Centre.
Starting Monday 10th September 2018 till Monday 1st April 2019**

**12.30pm Collection from school
1pm – 1.45pm Lesson
2pm Return collection from Leisure Centre
(normal end of school collection time applies)**

I give/do not give permission for first aid to be given as in school.

Medical conditions and allergies _____

In case of emergency the following people can be contacted should the need arise.
(They must have transport to get to Ashington if necessary.)

Name: _____

Contact phone no. _____

Name: _____

Contact phone no. _____

Signed: _____ Parent of _____

- **Children must wear school uniform and ensure their swimming kit and towel is in school every Monday.**

Cost of Lessons

The cost to school is £5.30 per pupil per lesson. **We are asking that you contribute £4 per pupil per lesson, keeping the donation the same as last year.** The actual cost to school for this activity to **£2,915.**

