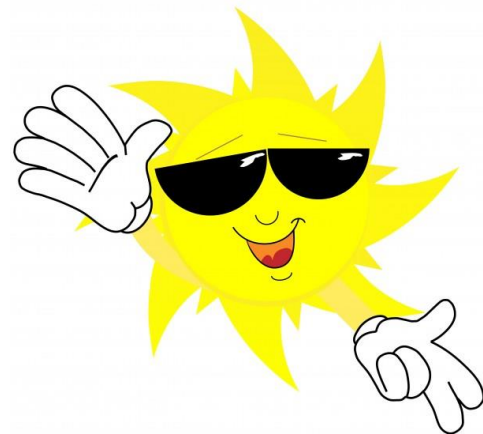


## Summer 2018 Newsletter 4

Please apply sun cream to your child before school. Or send it in with the older children.

If it's cold please make sure they have a coat.



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.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, we are looking forward to welcoming Stefania Lenart, a Commonwealth Sports Athlete, to 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. **Please could the children return their sponsorship money as soon as possible; it needs counting prior to the visit. Thank you to those who have already done so. There are prizes for different levels of sponsorship.**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we will be holding our Sports Day from 1.00pm. **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.** Parents may park in the compound at their own risk. Please park considerately, some parents may want to leave earlier than others.



On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we will also be hosting our annual Cross County event for the Alnwick Partnership schools. Teams of 3 boys / girls from Y3 – Y6 have been selected to compete.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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)

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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, suitable clothing for the weather, applied sun cream and their school cap and water bottle.

On Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Y3 and 4 will be going on a residential visit to Alnwick Hostel. Details have been sent out. Please ask if you have any further questions.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00 pm, we are holding a meeting for Y3, 4, 5 and 6 parents in September, to talk about the organisation of those year groups for the next school year.



On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, the children may wear non-school uniform. **We are having a beach themed lunch with an ice cream stall. If your child usually bring a packed lunch from home, to be included with the buffet lunch and ice cream, your child will need to bring in £2.30 by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July.**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 have been sent out to Y6 parents. Please send the slip back by Monday.

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. Lunches cost £2.30 until Y5.

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.

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> July, you will receive a phone call on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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A milk letter has been sent out, 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.



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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.**

**After school sports club will continue next year. There will be a charge of £2.50 per session, including a snack. Further details will follow in September.**

**We return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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