



Welcome back for the Summer Term!

Our Creative Curriculum topic is Successful Settlers (thank you for all the support with our Viking homework we had some fantastic models and research). The older children will be visiting Lindisfarne, Holy Island and the younger children will visit Amble.



Milk this term is £11.25. If your child had milk last term it will have been ordered again for the Summer Term, unless you have spoken to Kathy. If your child turns 5 this term, milk will need to be paid for. Please speak to Kathy a.s.a.p. if you want to make any changes. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council.

**Lunch costs this term will be as follows.** £2.20 per day for Y 3 - 4 and EY's, £2.50 per day for Y5

**For Y 3, 4 and EY's** the cost is £11.00 per week. £52.80 for the first half of the term, £77.00 for the second half and £129.80 for the whole term.

**For Y5** the cost is £12.50 per week. £60.00 for the first half of the term, £87.50 for the second half and £147.50 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. Please do not send money in children's pockets with no indication of what it is paying!

Unfortunately, there will no longer be a facility to allow your payments to lapse and be chased at the end of term. It is against NCC financial regulations. If you need to make a separate arrangement for payment please speak to Kathy. Debit card payments can be made, but only on a Tuesday.



There will be 12 swimming sessions this term for Reception to Year 3. This is a voluntary donation of £4.00 and we are extremely grateful to those parents who continue to pay on a regular basis, it enables the whole school to be able to swim. We may have to review this if parents are finding it difficult to pay a regular contribution. We continue to have our Fair Trade tuck shop to purchase Geo bars and Juice to have after swimming, or PE.

The school website will be regularly updated with events this term and the new lunch menus for the summer term will be available shortly [www.ellinghamfirstschool.co.uk](http://www.ellinghamfirstschool.co.uk)

Formal assessments take place during May. Full attendance would be appreciated for all of our pupils.

The Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers scheme has now finished, please send any vouchers in as soon as possible.

The school has been suffering from intermittent internet drop outs at the moment. This is being rectified, however, if you have emailed the school about changes to school transport, but not received an answer, please do not assume we have read the email.

Please can you make sure that PMX Parentmail has your current mobile phone number. We cannot update your details.

'The governing body recognise the importance of parent feedback to help continue to improve the performance of the school and ensure it is addressing parental concerns.

The school provides a comments box in the main reception area of the school, however to help provide a more accessible option for parents a new email based option has been setup. If you would like to provide any feedback to the governing body, then email your comments to [ellinghamparents@gmail.com](mailto:ellinghamparents@gmail.com). This is a confidential email address, which is only accessible by Andy Griffiths, one of our parent governors.

This email address will be checked by Andy, All feedback will be treated in confidence by Andy.'