

# Spring 2020 Newsletter 1



Welcome back to the new term. Our Creative Curriculum topics this term are  
Splash- People, Places and the Past  
Space Base - Eureka!  
Earth Works - Walk like an Egyptian  
Time Zone - The Maya

This term we have some exciting trips and events planned. Y1 and 2 are going to the Discovery Museum for a Transport Past and Present workshop and Y3 and 4 are going to the Great North Museum for an Egyptian workshop. Other trips are in the planning phase.

We continue to use our school PTA Facebook page as the quickest way to relay information to parents. 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. Please do not use it to inform us of pupil absence. 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 so please ask any questions.

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, Radio Newcastle and the school Facebook page.

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 £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. £66.70 for the first half of the term, £69.00 for the second half and £135.70 for the whole term.

**For Y5 and Y6** the cost is £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week. £75.40 for the first half of the term, £78.00 for the second half and £153.40 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 £10.70, unless your child is under 5 for the whole term. . 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.

Y3 - 4 are swimming this term. There will be a total of 12 swimming lessons this term at a cost per session, £48.00 for the term. We are very grateful to those parents who pay on a regular and would ask those parents that are struggling to at least make a donation.



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basis

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 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.

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Rugby after school on a Monday has a few places left. There will be 11 sessions of Rugby this term the cost is £2.50 per session, £27.50 for 11 sessions.

The Horrid Henry club is now full.



We are continuing to offer After School provision until 4.30pm on a Thursday. This provision is tailored to the needs of the parents who are actually using it. If you are interested in using it in the future please let us know. The cost remains at £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.



On Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> we are delighted to be welcoming a well-known children's author, Alan Windram, to talk about his books. He is part of the Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour and writes children's books such as 'One Button Benny' and 'A Puppy's Tale'. Your child can buy signed copies of his books for £5.00 on the day. You will find more information about this visitor in the children's book bags. Although this author writes for younger children we feel his visit is relevant to the older children as he will also talk about

the process of illustrating and publishing books.

This year, we are hoping to recruit some new PTA committee members. Our current committee have all been in post for a long time and, unfortunately due to other commitments are struggling to commit enough time. It may sound daunting being on the committee, but the current committee and school staff are happy to give advice and support. The PTA provides fund raising to enhance your child's educational experience. They provide money for trips, visitors into school, extra-curricular resources and help with bigger projects such as the ongoing school car park.

If you feel that you could commit a bit of your time towards being part of our PTA please speak to Kathy. Sadly, if we lose the fundraising capability of our PTA it will have an effect on all of your children.

We are delighted that the summer Fair will still be a PTA event run by the current Chair as a separate project. This year's fair will take place on Sunday 7th June at Bamburgh Pavillion. If you would like to help plan this event please get in touch.

The Alnwick Partnership Schools have different Teacher Training days this year. Our term dates can be viewed on our website under Information - Holiday Dates

Our next Teacher Training day is the Friday before we break up for half term - Friday 14th February.

We have a range of sizes of second hand school uniform. Please get in touch if you are looking for anything.

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