

# Summer Term 2020 Newsletter



Thank you so much for the incredibly generous donations we received through the Justgiving page to help our Forest School. The children have completed their sponsored walk and we have raised the amazing amount of over £1,375.00 the money is still coming in. We look forward to being able to use our Forest School again in September once the tree has been removed. Anything over and above our original target amount will be kept for Forest School.

There are some changes for our September return which we would like to share with you before we break up.

Parents will not be able to access the school office and all queries will be dealt with over the phone or by email.



Milk will no longer be served in individual cartons. In order to reduce the waste from the individual cartons and straws, the children will be given it in cups that can be sterilised in the dishwasher. Semi skimmed milk will be the only option. The cost of milk should be reduced by using larger containers and you will be invoiced at the end of the term. Free milk is still available for the children who are on benefit related free school meals and any child who remains under 5 each term.

Free milk is also served at lunch time as an alternative to water, with a school lunch, if anyone would like it.

School lunch will remain at £2.30 for Nursery

Free (Government funded) for Reception, Y1, Y2,  
£2.30 Y3 and Y4

£2.60 for Y5 and Y6 who receive a bigger portion.

If your child is moving into the higher price bracket and you don't want a school lunch in September, please let Kathy know before the end of this term.

If anyone thinks they might now qualify for the benefit related Free School Meals as a result of Covid, please ring Kathy before the end of next week.

If you are sending in lunch money, please try and send a cheque. We will still be accepting cash but would like to avoid large amounts of coins, where possible. Card payments can still be made on Tuesdays over the phone.

We are unclear at present whether the free fruit scheme will be reinstated. We will let you know in September.

The children will need to wear fresh clean clothes every day. If you don't have enough school uniform to facilitate this you may send them in a mixture of uniform and non-uniform for the first half of the Autumn term. We will review this regularly.

The uniform swap shop has a large quantity of second hand uniform, mainly the larger sizes. Please phone Rachel on 07808065800 if you would like to know what is available.

New uniform needs to be ordered from Border Embroideries by July 20<sup>th</sup> to guarantee delivery before the start of term <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/ellingham-c-of-e-primary-school.html>

Please can you update all your phone details on PMX Parentmail over the summer holidays. It is very important that we are always able to contact you. We will cross reference the PMX details with the details we hold here, in September.

In line with Track and Trace guidance, you must inform us immediately if anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms, then let us know the test results.

**Over the summer holidays, due to GDPR regulations, we will be removing anyone no longer connected to our school from our Facebook page.**

## **For the Autumn Term**

No unnecessary items are to be brought into school by pupils, e.g. books, toys, book bags, in order to minimise home/school contacts.

Pupils do not need PE kits; and physical activity should be possible in the clothing they come in, so, for example, trainers would be a good footwear choice. We will let you know in September which days your child will have PE.

We want pupils to read, so a book quarantine will be in place enabling pupils access to a selection of books in school, that are then put in quarantine for at least 72hrs, with covers disinfected before being used again. This will be reviewed at half term.

Staff will not take pupil exercise books home, in order to minimise contact, so some marking will be done using stickers to write comments etc.

Signage and cones will be in use to mark drop-off points, with staff supervision 8.20-8.55 am.

Families are requested to provide Y1-Y6 pupils with a pillowcase (weekly), which can go on the back of pupil chairs to hold resources, to minimise moving around- these will be sent home weekly for washing.

The school dishwasher will be used to sterilise resources, where possible- where not, resources will be quarantined; resources do not need to be shared between 'bubbles'.

There will be no swimming for anyone through the Autumn term.

There are two Teacher Training days at the end of the summer holidays and the children return to school on **THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.**

**The school office is open every day next week if you have any questions.**