

Summer Term 2021 Newsletter 2

Thank you for being so flexible over Parents' Evening. Hopefully, we have now caught up with any parent who asked for an appointment. If you have not spoken to us and would like to, please get in touch with Kathy.

For the next half of term, we will continue to ask if your children can be dressed suitably on the days they have PE. We plan to revert to getting changed for PE in school in the Autumn term.

As the Covid-19 guidance stands currently, parents are still not able to access the school office and all queries will still be dealt with outside at drop off and pick up, over the phone, or by email.



Milk this term will be charged towards the end of the summer 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.

Lunch costs for the second half of the summer term will be as follows:



For Y3, Y4 and Early Years (depending on the number of days taken) the cost is £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. £69.00 for the second half of the Summer term.

For Y5 and Y6 the cost is £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week. £78.00 for the second half.

Bills for the first half of the term are now being sent out.

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. All cheques should be payable to N.C.C. (Northumberland County Council)



New uniform can be purchased from Border Embroideries. The cut off for ordering in time to arrive for September is **Sunday 25th July**. We have a small selection in school for sizing purposes. Please ask Kathy if you would like to look at something.

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/ellingham-c-of-e-primary-school.html>

In light of a new law that will come into place from September, we have looked at the price of our uniform. We have sourced an alternative to the PE hoodie and now have 2 versions. One is embroidered with Ellingham on the back, the other has a screen printed version, which offers a more economical alternative, but may not be as durable as the embroidery.

Grey trousers/skirts/pinafores etc. do not have to come from our uniform suppliers; they can be purchased from anywhere. The pale blue polo shirt, whilst we would prefer the children to wear the logoed ones, can also be purchased from many retailers. If you are unsure about the uniform guidance, please get in touch.

We still have quite a lot of second hand uniform, if anyone is looking for anything please ask Kathy.

A lot of uniform, particularly the PE Hoodie, ends up in our second hand uniform because it is unnamed and we can't send them home. Please name your uniform, and keep checking it is still visibly named. This makes our lives easier and yours less expensive!

Y5 and 6 will be going swimming after half term. Parents have already been contacted and the children are aware of how it will work. This will take place every Friday afternoon until the end of term.

The cricket after school club for the older children is now full.

From next half of term we will be running the following clubs:

On a **Tuesday** from 3pm – 4pm there will be Multisports with Miss Baines, for **R, Y1 and Y2**. This will include a variety of sports and Yoga inside if it is raining.

On a **Thursday** for **R, Y1 and Y2** there will be orienteering with Mrs Williams. 3pm – 4pm.



On a **Thursday**, for **Y3 – 6** there will be a Computer Code Club with Mrs Lakey 3pm – 4pm.

Please sign up for these clubs a.s.a.p. there are limited numbers of spaces available and it will be first come, first served.

For this term there will be no charge for any of the after school activities. This will be reviewed for September, as we are using Sports Premium funding to cover the sports coaches.

On Thursday 1st July we hope to be able to take Y3,4,5 and 6 to Beadnell Beach for an A.O.N.B. funded Rockpool safari. A.O.N.B.(Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) are an organisation that looks after the Northumberland coast.

We will give you more details closer to the time.