

Spring 2017 Newsletter 1

Welcome back to the new term. Our Creative Curriculum topic this term is 'Visual Variety' Materials/changes, Digital art, light and sound. There is more information regarding your child's curriculum and the topics they are studying on the school web site (Curriculum section)



Y's 1 - 5 will be visiting Shipley Art gallery later in the term. An Early Years visit will be confirmed later.

Following a meeting about the building extension last week, we can now confirm that building work should start by mid-March. An access road will be created across Ellingham Estates land, with a works compound located behind the school car park. This will, therefore, cause no additional access issues for the day to day running of the school. Additionally, the Estate have agreed that the compound area can remain in place for change of use to allow us to extend the car park further. We are delighted with this proposal and also that works within the adjacent field have been contracted locally, so as to minimise disruption and maximise local knowledge of the site and the school.

Plans will be available later this week in the external noticeboard.



R - Y2 continue to have free school meals as part of the new government initiative.

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. £74.80 for the first half of the term, £66.00 for the second half and £140.80 for the whole term.

For Y5 the cost is £12.50 per week. £85.00 for the first half of the term, £75.00 for the second half and £160.00 for the whole term.

Milk this term will be £11.00. Milk remains free for all the children who are under 5.



Y3, 2, 1 and Reception are swimming this term. They will have a total of 13 swimming lessons this term at a cost of £4.00 per session, £52.00 per term. We are now subsidising swimming ourselves. We are very grateful to those parents who pay on a regular basis and would ask those parents that are struggling to at least make a donation.

The facility of large arrears on lunch money that are settled at the end of the term is, unfortunately, no longer available. Lunches will need to be paid on a weekly basis, or half termly / termly up front. Any lunches not taken will be credited to the next 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.

The Fairtrade healthy tuck shop is open on Thursday lunchtime so that snacks and drinks can be purchased to eat after swimming or PE. Geobars cost 50p, and a carton of juice 50p.

It seems likely that the weather is going 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 and Radio Newcastle. **It is your responsibility to update your details in PMX ParentMail so that you receive letters and texts. We cannot access your details to do this for you.**



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.

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'Fit Kids' after school sports club has started again on a Thursday after school with coach Grant Watson. 'Together Time' starts this Monday. This week, we will be starting a lunchtime recorder club and 'Maths through Art' in school time. The children can attend on a rota basis and this will be sorted within school.

John Davidson is kindly offering a 4 week block of Rugby on a Tuesday after school starting on Tuesday 24th January. This will be open to Y2 - Y5. Please let Kathy know if you would like to take part.

There will be a PTA meeting on Monday 23rd January at 3pm. This meeting will include the annual AGM, please attend if you are able to. A crèche will be available.

Please double check at home for missing uniform. We have uniform that is still missing from before Christmas. Please make sure your uniform is clearly marked preferably in the collar of sweat shirts and hoodies to make it quick for identification. Please mark shoes particularly for the younger children.

There is a curriculum drop in session for all year groups including Early Years on **Wednesday 25th January** from 3pm - 5pm. We will share with you the topics your child is studying and the new methods that they are learning, particularly in maths.

Dates for your diary

Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day which we will be combining with Tea and Treats for Mothering Sunday. More details will be available closer to the time.

Thursday 6th April - Easter Service, venue to be confirmed closer to the time.

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