## Summer Term 2022 Newsletter

We are delighted, to finally be able to welcome parents into school, when dropping children off. We are now only asking the children to wash their hands when they come in. There are still Covid-19 cases in Northumberland and we are still being impacted, so please be vigilant and don't send your child to school if they have any symptoms.

Thank you for returning your children to us in their school uniform. Everyone looks very smart.

Mrs Lakey will continue to update you on our Facebook page. Please look out for her posts. We continue to use our school PTA Facebook page as one of the quickest way to relay information to parents.. The more you interact with the page the more likely you are to get the alerts in your feed.

As per the recent letter from Mrs Lakey, teachers can now be contacted via their email addresses which are on the school website.



Milk from last term, has now been calculated and the price will be £7.80

#### Please could this be paid as soon as possible.

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. The milk for this term will be calculated towards the end of July.

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.

### Lunch costs this 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. £55.20 for the first



half of the term, £78.20 for the second half and £133.40 for the whole term.

For Y5 and Y6 the cost is £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week. £62.40 for the first half of the term, £88.40 for the second half and £150.80 for the whole term.

If anyone thinks they might now qualify for the benefit-related Free School Meals, as a result of change of circumstances during Covid, please ring Kathy to discuss this further.

For those children bringing a packed lunch from home please remember we have Healthy School status. Please try and make the lunch as healthy as possible. No fried snacks, fizzy drinks or sweets will be allowed. Please get in touch if you are not sure what you can send.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL and also have a child in Key Stage 2 with a severe egg allergy. If you are considering sending in a birthday cake, please speak to Kathy first.



Earth Works will have 5 swimming sessions this term at a cost of £20. Please get in touch if you have any credits and

Kathy will tell you what you owe.

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 have a large quantity of second hand uniform, mainly the larger sizes. Serena Philipson kindly stores this for us and can be contacted on 07866096404 New uniform can be ordered from Border Embroideries.

#### https://www.border-

embroideries.co.uk/schools/ellingham-c-of-e-primaryschool.html

Please can you keep updating your phone details on Parentmail; it is important that we are always able to contact you.

We still have some spaces for the Football After School club on a Tuesday for Earthworks and Time Zone. Please get in touch if you are interested. After half term, Football will change to cricket with Tom. If anyone in Earthworks or Time zone would like to sign up please let Kathy know.





On 4 specific Mondays, there will be Yogibairns sessions in school for Spacebase and Splash with an After-School club. This is a yoga session for

small children, using fun resources. The dates are Monday  $6^{th}$ ,13 $^{th}$  20 $^{th}$  June and Monday  $4^{th}$  July.

The sessions after school are open to Reception to Y2 children – pick up is 4.00pm. Please sign up as soon as possible.

PE days this term are:

Time Zone/ Earth Works – Tuesday and Thursday

Space Base – Monday and Forest School on Thursday

Splash - Monday and Forest School on Thursday

Occasionally, these days may change so it is a good idea to always have a PE kit in school.

Don't forget that all Ellingham pupils have been given login details for access to our new 'e-book Hub' via the Northumberland Schools Library Service. Individual login details have been sent out. Pupils can then login via the link below. You can access this site on a range of devices and there is a mobile app too.

# https://northumberlandslshub1.eplatform.co/browse/accread

Y6 will be going swimming after half term on a Friday afternoon. This will be 6 sessions of water safety. Parents will be contacted closer to the time.

Nursery, Reception and Space Base will be going to Bailiffgate museum on Monday  $9^{\text{th}}$  May. Details are in your Parentmail accounts.

Earthworks and Time Zone will be completing the John Muir award through 4 Beach School sessions. Details are in your Parentmail accounts.



Nursery, Splash and Spacebase will be visiting Northumberland Zoo on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Details will be

sent out closer to the time.

We have a number of parents attending our Toddler group on a Thursday morning. If you know anyone local who would be interested in attending, please ask them to get in touch.

We are looking forward to being able to hold a Sports Day and Earth Works and Time Zone have begun rehearsals for an end-of-term theatrical performance.

Details will be sent out as soon as they are finalised.

Don't forget to check the correct school web site if you are looking for holiday dates.

A number of parents have googled the school and chosen what they think is the right school and got the wrong dates! Make sure you google Ellingham Primary Northumberland!

Don't forget, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022, school is shut. This is in lieu of the Royal Jubilee bank holiday that falls in our half term.