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Last Friday, we were very happy to welcome a visitor for a whole school Chinese Art day

The younger children were delighted to meet Jammi and take part in making Chinese dragons and masks. The older children made a Chinese calligraphy canvas for their classroom, and had a Mandarin lesson.

On Thursday 3rd March, it is World Book day and we are asking the children to dress up as a book character, if they would like to.

We are celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. We will have Red Noses for sale prior to the date (£1.50) and we will be holding a non-uniform day and collecting donations. Wear something red if you have it and take part in some of the challenges that will be held in school.

Up until half term, pupils can continue coming dressed for PE on their usual days.

Splash and Space Base - Monday and Thursday

Earth Works and Time Zone - Tuesday and Thursday

2 weeks after half term, from March 7th, we hope to be able to dispense with bubbles and return to full school uniform and changing for PE. Every school now has to have a school uniform policy. Ours can be viewed on our website under Information. Please read carefully before 7th March.

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 the quickest way to relay information to parents. We try to answer questions on the same day and have found it useful for reminders, or clarifying timings for homework etc. The more you interact with the page the more likely you are to get the alerts in your feed.

Newsletters will continue to be sent through PMX Parentmail. If anyone needs to speak to a teacher, or has any concerns, this can be dealt with quickly through Kathy.

It seems likely that the weather is to get very 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.

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. £78.20 for the first half of the term, £69.00 for the second half and £147.20 for the whole term.

For Y5 and Y6, the cost is £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week. £88.40 for the first half of the term, £78.00 for the second half and £166.40 for the whole term.

If you usually pay for lunches half termly or termly, a bill was sent to your Parentmail accounts on 28th January. If payment has not already been made, please do so by half term. Payments can be made over the phone on a Tuesday

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after 9.30 am or a cheque sent at any time. Thank you to the parents who have already settled their accounts for this term.

We are continuing to take cash, but if at all possible, we would prefer a cheque or a telephone payment. Cash needs to be sent in to school on a Monday morning, in a clearly marked envelope, detailing what you are paying.



Milk this term, will be charged retrospectively at the end of the term. Some Reception children will turn 5 this term, and will be charged, unless you have spoken to Kathy. Any child who paid for milk last term will be charged again this term,

Y3 - 4 are swimming this term. There are a total of 13 swimming lessons this term at a cost of £4.00 per session, £52.00 for the term. Thank you to the parents who have already paid this.



On Tuesday 15th March, we are hoping to have face to face parent consultations in school. More information will be sent out before half term.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Until half term, dance class after school continues for both bubbles. After half term there will no longer be an after-school club on a Tuesday for KS2. KS1 dance club on a Monday will change to Gymnastics. Unless you tell us otherwise, on a Monday, we will continue to keep the children in school who have been attending Dance Club.

We hope to be able to resume Forest School after half term. We are still hopeful that the fairies will return in the Spring, when it is warmer.



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As mentioned on Facebook, we now have a Clothes Bank in school. You can donate clothes, shoes (pairs), hats, belts, jewellery etc. Everything needs to be put in a bag and dropped into the bin. This is a very easy way to fundraise for school and look after our planet at the same time.

We also continue to be a drop off point for the Alnwick Food Bank. They are currently short of pasta sauces, tinned meats and fish, tinned puddings like rice pudding and custard. More and more people are depending on them and this year it is going to get worse, so any small donation will help.

Don't forget, Monday 27th June - school will be shut. This is in lieu of the Queens Birthday bank holiday which falls within our half term.



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