

Spring 2022 Newsletter 1



Welcome back to the new term. Our Creative Curriculum topics this term are:

Splash- People, Places and the Past

Space Base - Eureka!

Earth Works - Walk like an Egyptian

Time Zone - The Maya

We still have cases of Covid-19, so please be vigilant and let us know of any cases in your family. 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

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. Please do not use it to inform us of pupil absence. Mrs Lakey will occasionally post on our Facebook page instead of continuing with Headteacher Blogs. Please check this page on a regular basis. 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.

Please make sure your PMX Parentmail details are correct. If you have recently changed your mobile number we cannot update your details for you. Texts will be sent out in an emergency so please double check if you are not sure.

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.

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.



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 will be a total of 13 swimming lessons this term at a cost of £4.00 per session, £52.00 for the term.



No earrings are permitted for PE or swimming. Please make sure your child can take their earrings out themselves. A number of pupils have now mastered this. If you are allowing your child to have pierced ears,

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please take it into consideration that they need to be able to do this after the 6 week period. If they have only just been pierced, please speak to Kathy, if you have not already done so.

Dance class after school continues for both bubbles. KS1 + R on a Monday and KS2 on a Tuesday. There are still a few spaces for each session.

Unfortunately, due to the damage caused by storm Arwen, we can't go to Forest School at the moment. As an alternative, we are working on the children's physical development through extra PE and outdoor activities. The situation should be short term, due to some lovely parents, who are helping us to make the Forest School safe again. We are still hopeful that the fairies will return in the Spring.

We are hoping to celebrate Chinese New Year on Friday February 4th with a whole school Chinese art day.

Earth Works will still swim on this afternoon.

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.

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.



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