

# Summer Term 2021 Newsletter

We are enjoying the start to this term and have introduced more pupil choice and independence into a range of 'challenge activities' throughout KS1 and 2. This is to allow us to deliver 'catch-up' support to every pupil through smaller group teacher input within lessons.

Thank you for returning your children to us in their school uniform.

We will continue to ask if your children can be dressed suitably on the days they have PE.

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 over the phone or by email.



Milk from last term, 3 weeks, will be charged together with this term. Cups of milk are proving to be a better 'green' option and will be more cost effective. We are using a local milkman. You will be charged towards the end of this term, once we know how much we have used.

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,

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

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. Later on this term, a list will be compiled and you will be able to purchase for a donation.

New uniform can be ordered from Border Embroideries

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

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

In line with Track and Trace guidance, you must inform us immediately if anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms, then let us know the test results.

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://northumberlandsishub1.eplatform.co/browse/accread>

Y5 and 6 will be going swimming after half term . Parents have already been contacted

After a few initial issues with Accelerated Reader, it is now going well in KS2. Seahouses Rotary Club have kindly given us a £215.00 donation, which we have used to buy more Accelerated Reader books for the lower book levels.