



Welcome back for the Summer Term!

We are delighted that we have achieved 'Anti Bullying' school accreditation. The assessors said "it has been an absolute pleasure reading about all the positive and excellent work being carried out surrounding anti bullying in your school. It is also evident that there are clear, simple, precise and accurate pathways to dealing with incidents and lots of sharing of good practice with other professionals. The passion for anti-bullying comes through in every section (of your submission) and your school website is particularly impressive with regards to information sharing."

Our Creative Curriculum topic is 'Roman Remains' (thank you for all the support with our Enquiry homework). We will be going to 'Arbeia', a roman fort in South Shields, later in the term. We will also be making Roman roof tiles with the 'Roman Potter'.



Milk this term is £11.00. **If your child had milk last term it will have been ordered again for the Summer Term, unless you have spoken to Kathy.** If your child turns 5 this term, milk will need to be paid for. Please speak to Kathy a.s.a.p if you want to make any changes. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council.

Lunch remains at £2.00 per day, £10.00 per week. The first half of this term is £66.00, the second half is £64.00 and the whole term £130.00. Cheques are payable to Northumberland County Council. If you think you have credits please ask Kathy to calculate a separate bill. Please make sure you have put your child's name on any envelopes sent into school. Kathy's psychic powers are good but not that good!

If your child would like to swap from a hot meal to the cold option for the summer term, please speak to Kathy.

Unfortunately, there will no longer be a facility to allow your payments to lapse and be chased at the end of term. This takes up too much administration time and is against NCC advice. If you need to make a separate arrangement for payment please speak to Kathy. Debit card payments can be made, but only on a Tuesday.



There will be a different number of swimming sessions this term depending on the year group and other planned trips happening on a Thursday. Year 3 and 4 will have 11 swimming sessions, Year 1 and 2 12 sessions and Reception will have all 13 sessions. This is a voluntary donation of £4.00 and we are extremely grateful to those parents who continue to pay on a regular basis, it enables the whole school to be able to swim. We may have to review this if parents are finding it difficult to pay a regular contribution.



This term the whole school has 2 PE sessions in a week. Tuesday with Paul Yeadon and Friday with Grant Watson. Please make sure they have warm outdoor PE kit in school. There will be a lunchtime tennis club in school for the older children.

We are hosting a 'Cross-Country' running event on Friday 29th April, for teams of Year 3 and 4 runners from other local schools, as part of our commitment to wider competition and experiences for our pupils in PE.

On Friday 29th April we also have an N.S.P.C.C. workshop, please read the attached letter about the content of the workshop.

The whole school except Early Years will be going to 'Arbeia' a Roman fort in South Shields on Monday May 9th.

The whole school including Early Years will have a visit from the 'Roman Potter' and make Roman roof tiles on Tuesday May 10th.



Primary update:

We are still working closely with the Ellingham Estate and Diocese to ensure that we can have the best outcome for our school.

We will be having a separate, purpose built studio/Hall, with two additional toilets, small kitchen area, cloakroom and storage for lunch tables. The current Hall will be converted into an additional Key Stage 2 classroom. As soon as I have the final plans, I will share them with everyone.

We will only have a total of 35 Key Stage 2 pupils in September. We are very fortunate to be able to afford to have 2 teachers to share in teaching these pupils the core curriculum subjects (English, Maths, Science and Computing) each morning. They will be taught the Creative Curriculum and PE in a variety of groupings depending on the subject and use of specialist teachers and coaches. Once staffing is finalised, additional details will be shared.

Our school uniform will remain the same colours and the Governors will shortly be deciding on our school name in consultation with Church House.

The school website will be regularly updated with events this term and the new lunch menus for the summer term are also available. www.ellinghamfirstschool.co.uk

Formal assessment will take place during April and May. Full attendance would be appreciated for all of our pupils.

We are still collecting the Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. Please keep sending them into school.