



A Small School with a BIG Heart

Ellingham C of E
Primary School

Autumn Term 2020 Newsletter 1



Message from Mrs Lakey:

Thanks to everyone for helping us get off to such a happy, safe start to the new school year.

There is now a Covid-19 section on the school website where I will put updated risk assessments and links to what to do if you or your child / children have symptoms. Just click on 'Covid-19' on the top banner to access the links.

Kathy will continue to produce these regular newsletters and I will update you via my Headteacher blogs. Effective communication routes will enable us all to keep as safe and well as possible, so please keep all contact details up to date and check for PMX Parentmail / Facebook updates.

As last year, our Creative Curriculum is split into year topics and will be as follows

Splash (EYFS)	Kingdom and Communities
Space Base (Y1/2)	From farm to fork
Earth Works (Y3/4)	Invaders
Timezone (Y5/6)	The Might of Monarchs from 1066

Well done to the children who bought back their holiday homework.

A warm welcome to our new parents throughout the school. Please ask us if anything is unclear. Queries can be dealt with quickly by Kathy in the office via phone/email, or an appointment can be made if you would like to see a teacher whilst socially distanced. We are always happy to help.

All new parents will have been sent an invitation by text to sign up to PMX Parentmail. We urge you to do this as soon as possible. All newsletters and important texts are sent out via this method. We do not have access to your information, so you must remember to keep it up to date. Our Facebook page is used for reminders and links to our web site. If you have not already signed up for the closed group, please do so as soon as possible, Ellingham School PTA – FACES.

Please remember we start school at 8.55am; the door will lock and registers will close at 9.00am and the first lesson will start then. Please don't bring children before 8.40am, as staff will not be able to supervise them.

Due to staggered lunch times, morning Nursery pupil sessions are 8.45am – 11.45am or 12.45pm for those staying for lunch. Please collect your child from the front entrance.

We don't allow mobile phones in school. If your child needs to bring in their phone, to receive an important message, they must leave it in the school office. We are always happy to pass on messages and this would be a better option. Please don't allow the children to bring in Fitbits or other expensive items we cannot be held responsible for their safe keeping. Smart watches with cameras are also not allowed in school.



All money needs to be sent in to school on a Monday morning in a clearly marked envelope detailing what you are paying – please do not send in loose cash with a child who has just been told 'give it to Kathy', or cheques that have no indication of what they are paying ! All cheques, unless advised otherwise, need to be payable to Northumberland County Council.

You are able to pay over the phone with your credit or debit card. This facility is only available on a Tuesday. During the current circumstances, if it is possible to pay by cheque this would limit the amount of money that has to be handled by the office.



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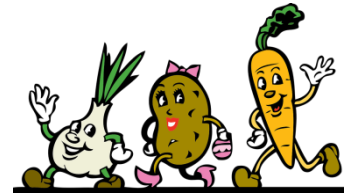


R – Y2 continue to have free school meals as part of the government initiative.

Lunch costs this term are £2.30 per day for Y3/4 and Nursery and, £2.60 per day for Y5 and 6 (this includes a piece of fruit at break time)

For Y3, Y4 and Early Years, the cost is £11.50 per week. £82.80 for the first half of the term, £80.50 for the second half and £163.30 for the whole term.

For Y5 and Y6, the cost is £13.00 per week. £93.60 for the first half of the term, £91.00 for the second half and £184.60 for the whole term.



Milk will be charged at the end of the term retrospectively. Milk remains free for all the children who are under 5 for the whole term and is available to all children who have school lunch, as an alternative to water.



For those children bringing a packed lunch from home, please remember we have Healthy School status. Please try and make the lunch as healthy and varied as possible. No fried snacks, fizzy drinks or sweets/chocolate 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.

Please send your child with a clean, named water bottle every day.

If your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 they will have been offered a place in Mrs William's 'Mystery' after school club. This is only being offered to the younger bubble. Mystery club will only run if there are 6 children signed up. Please send any forms back a.s.a.p. so we can make the decision to run the club, or not.

Unfortunately, as we are keeping the transference of items to and from school at a minimum, this means that we are unable to accept any items for junk modelling, show and tell or birthdays, including food/cake to share. Please make sure your child doesn't bring in anything that has not been requested. **Children are still coming in with rucksacks and PE kits. PE will be done in the clothes and shoes they are wearing and no school bags or rucksacks are necessary at the moment.**

This term Timezone will have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday, Earthworks on a Monday and Tuesday, and Splash and Spacebase on a Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child is dressed for PE when they come in the morning as there is currently no changing and we do not require PE kits in school.

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. **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL.** Please remember that childrens' symptoms can be varied and can include sore throat, and sickness and diarrhoea.

Please make sure we can always contact you. If you need to update your details with new work information please phone

Our uniform supplier, Border Embroideries, has a significant discount on all our uniform until the end of September.

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