



We are delighted that it is now a year since we started running our 2-year-old provision,

Wellies&Wonder@Ellingham. If you are a current parent, who will be requiring childcare in the future, please speak to Kathy and make sure you are on our list. We are now open Wednesday - Friday. If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to speak to Kathy.

Lunch costs this term will be as follows:



The cost is £2.50 per day; £12.50 per week; £87.50 for the first half of the term; £75.00 for the second half and £162.50 for the whole term.

Payments can be made via a secure link in a text which we will send, on request, on a Tuesday. A cheque or cash can be sent in a clearly marked envelope, at any time. As we get further through the term an invoice will be sent to the parents who have requested one, and a secure text link will be sent. Texts come from Klickpay and refer to a transaction with Northumberland County Council. A text link only lasts 24 hours. There is nothing on the initial link to indicate it is from us but once you click on it more details are available.



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

We continue to run a well-attended After School club each night until 4.15pm. There are still spaces available for all the clubs except for Thursday's Forest Craft, (there is a waiting list if your child is keen). It is also usually possible to arrange short notice, ad hoc sessions (except Thursday), if you suddenly need additional child care. Sports clubs cost £2.50 an hour (subsidised with our government

PE grant), Fun, Art Club, Forest Craft and Film club £5.00 an hour.

Please speak to Kathy if you would like more information. Invoices for ASC will be sent out shortly.

Please remember we now start school at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. Registers are taken promptly at 8.50, if your child is late they may miss a crucial part of the start of the day. Children may be left from 8.30am. We offer a breakfast club from 8.00am for anyone who needs to leave their child earlier.

Heads up for future dates:

On Thursday 6th March, it is World Book day and we are asking the children to dress up as a book character, if they would like to.



Friday 28th March, we will be holding 'Tea and Treats' for Mothers Day. Come along to school from 9.00am - 10.00am and have a cuppa and some home-made cakes. Your child can join you and give you the Mother's Day card they have made. If this is going to affect the morning school transport, please make sure your driver knows.

Parents consultations will take place on Wednesday 12th March, from 3.20pm-5.30pm. Booking information will be sent closer to the time.



We are celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March. 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.

Unfortunately, the company providing the Clothes Bank in the school front courtyard, decided we weren't using it enough to warrant them emptying it. Despite the fact that a lot of you were using it on a

Always bring a coat. Please stay away from school for 48 hours if you have been sick or have diarrhoea.

regular basis. MIND charity in Alnwick have a car park behind them, a gate that can be accessed by phoning them and are happy to take almost anything.

It seems likely that the weather will remain very cold. Please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves in school. In the event of a school bad weather closure, information will be sent by text, and will be on the school, NCC website and Radio Newcastle as well as the school Facebook page.



If you are looking for something to do with your children, Alnwick Story Fest will take place 28th February and 2nd March. There are events for children and adults. Check out their website. [Alnwick Story Fest](#)

There is a Music Workshop Saturday March 8th at Chantry Middle School. A musical opportunity for age 7 and above. More details are attached.

We will be holding an open morning for Wellies&Wonder@Ellingham on Thursday 8th May, from 10.00 - 12.00. We will be asking you to help us advertise this closer to the time.

We break up for half term on Friday 21st February. This is later than a lot of the country. Please check your holiday arrangements carefully and always consult our web site for dates, not generic dates given on social media or NCC site, as our teacher training days can differ.