



## Autumn Term 2024 Newsletter 1

Message from Mrs Lakey:

Thanks to everyone for helping us get off to such a smooth start to the new school year. Our new starters have been brilliant!

The new school year dates are available on our web site. Please be aware we have a **Teacher Training day on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>** and the school will be closed. Unfortunately, no requests for holiday absence can be granted. We are working with Alnwick Partnership of schools, as we are aiming to have a consistent approach to the new Government guidance. Please look out for further information soon.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Isla Morton to our staff this year, as an apprentice teaching assistant. Isla is an ex-student of ours, many of you will know her already.

Kathy will continue to produce these regular newsletters and we will update you via Facebook. Effective communication is central to our school, please ask us if you have any questions.

Queries can be dealt with quickly by Kathy: in the office face to face, or by phone/email, or an appointment can be made if you would like to see a teacher. We are always happy to help.

Please check for Parentmail emails. There is an App available from App store to make it easier to receive the communications. It is called IRIS Parentmail.

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 regular reminders and links to our web site.

Our Enquiry Curriculum is split into topics and will be as follows:

Splash (EYFS) Kingdoms and Communities

Space Base (Y1/2) From Farm to Fork

Earth Works (Y3/4) Invaders

Timezone (Y5/6) The Might of Monarchs from 1066



More detailed information is in the curriculum section of our website.

Please remember we now start school at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. Children may be left from 8.30am

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, as we cannot be held responsible for their safe keeping. Smart watches with cameras are also not allowed in school, for e-safety reasons.



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 with a secure text link if you would prefer. Links are usually sent on a Tuesday. Invoices for After School Clubs will be sent out shortly. Please let us know if you would like lunch charges etc included.

School lunches are £2.50 per day, £12.50 a week for Nursery, Wellies&Wonder and Y3 – Y6.

Please have a PE kit in school. Always bring a coat. Don't forget swimming on Monday (Earth Works). Please stay away from school for 48 hours if you have been sick or have diarrhoea. Please contact school by 9am if your child is sick.




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Nursery to Y2 will continue to receive a free daily piece of fruit, through the Government Fruit Scheme. Earth Works and Time Zone, are welcome to bring in a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar, for morning snack.

Reception to Y2 will also continue to receive a free school meal through the Universal Free School Meal government scheme.

**Lunch costs this term are** £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. If you wish to pay this in full, the first half of the term is £95.00 and the second half £85.00. The full term is £180.00.

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.

Swimming for Earth Works is £4.00 a session. There are 12 sessions this term at a cost of £48.00. Earth Works will only swim during  the Autumn term.

If anyone needs a school book bag,, we have them in school at a cost of £7.50. Please ask Kathy.

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**



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

We have got off to a great start with our After-School Clubs. There are still a few places left, except for Thursday Forest Craft which is full. We have after school care available every night until 4.15pm. If you are interested please ask Kathy for more information. These sessions can be booked adhoc if you suddenly need child care. All sessions are £5.00 an hour unless it is a Sports club, which is subsidised by us, and costs £2.50 per hour.

PE days for this half of term will be as follows:

Time Zone; Monday and Tuesday

Earth Works; Monday (swimming) and Tuesday

Space Base; Monday and Tuesday

Splash; (including Nursery). Tuesday and Thursday Forest School

The children will come home each afternoon in their PE kit, so please make sure they return it for their next lesson.

These days can change at short notice, it is a good idea to always have your PE kit in school.

Thank you to the parents who have electronically signed the annual permission slip. This is in your Parentmail accounts. Please sign as soon as possible if you have not already done so. If you are using the app to read Parentmail the link appears underlined at the top of the page (not blue!)

The instructions for the electronic consent for your child's flu immunisation, (R-Y6) is also in your inbox (sent last term). This is a direct form back to NHS. Only 11 parents have done this so far. Your child will not be able to get a flu immunisation anywhere else and all years are included. (Reception to Y6) This letter has been sent again today.

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