



## Autumn Term 2022 Newsletter 1

Message from Mrs Lakey:

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

**As you will already be aware, we are closed next Monday for the Queen's funeral bank holiday.**

Kathy will continue to produce these regular newsletters and I 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 Creative 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 the Monarchs from 1066

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

Time Zone and Earth Works have been given a unique chance to learn more about the Lindisfarne Gospels in Beadnell next week and will be out on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. They will need smart school uniform, a coat and sensible walking shoes.

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.

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 over the phone with your credit or debit card. This facility is only available on a Tuesday. If it is possible to pay by cheque, this would limit the amount of money that has to be handled by the office. In case you are unaware, the 'old style' (not made of polymer), £20.00 and £50.00 are being withdrawn from the 30<sup>th</sup> September. You can still exchange them at the bank but we can't take them as lunch money.

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. £73.60 for the first half of the term, £89.70 for the second half and £163.30 for the whole term.

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For Y5 and Y6, the cost is £13.00 per week. £83.20 for the first half of the term, £101.40 for the second half and £184.60 for the whole term.



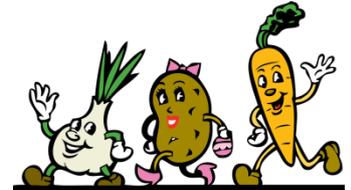
Milk will be charged at the end of the term retrospectively. Milk remains free for all the children who are under 5 for the whole term and is available to all children who have school lunch, as an alternative to water.

Swimming for Earth Works is £4.00 a session.



Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a menu for this term. Our suppliers are reporting shortages and Josie has to cook with the available ingredients, not necessarily the planned menu. We will of course continue to provide lovely home cooked meals.

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.

Last term, Time Zone and Earth Works gave us a fantastic performance of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. For anyone who didn't see it, or would like to see it again, please follow this link [https://youtu.be/y\\_RBXsgqDJ4](https://youtu.be/y_RBXsgqDJ4)

We have got off to a great start with our After-School Clubs. There are still a few places left for the Sports clubs and Forest Craft. We have after school care available every night until 4.00pm (4.30pm by arrangement on a Tuesday and Friday). If you are interested please ask Kathy for more information.

Thank you for sending your children in with PE kits. Cricket and football have got off to a great start.

PE days will be as follows:

Time Zone and Earth Works; Monday and Tuesday. Earth Works also swim on a Friday  
Space Base and Splash; (including Nursery) Monday and Thursday.  
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 electronic consent for your child's flu immunisation, is also in your inbox. This is a direct form back to NHS. The school has no way of knowing if you have consented, so please don't expect any reminders.

**If you are parking at school in the back car park, please do not park, at any time of the day, where the yellow school transport signs are displayed.** (Nearest to the small gate, and the hedge that is adjacent). These spaces are to enable school transport to operate safely. In the afternoon, once school transport has moved away, please can the parents in the back car park come into the front courtyard, through the wooden gate, to collect your children. It is very difficult to see you behind the hedge!

