



Welcome back to our 'new' Primary School and especially to Year 5, new starters and Mrs Sarah Stapleton. As mentioned in the information sent with the annual permission slip, we now start school at 8.55am, registers will close at 9.00 and the first lesson will start then. Many thanks to those parents who bring their children by car who are now arriving more promptly.

We are delighted with the enthusiastic start that all of our new pupils have made to this exciting, new school year. We want you to feel part of our school community, so please let us know how we can be of help.

Thank you for your support in sending your children smartly dressed in their uniforms and well prepared to learn.

We hope you like our much improved 'Swiss log store' hopper surround - we do, but we have reassured some children that it is not our new extension!

A warm welcome to our new parents throughout the school. We hope you may be able to attend the next P.T.A. meeting on Monday 19th September in school at 3.00pm and get to know other parents. (A crèche will be available)

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

Lunch costs this term have changed. As you are aware there is an increase to £2.20 per day and Y5 £2.50 per day.

For Y 3 and 4 the cost is £11.00 per week. £72.60 for the first half of the term, £74.80 for the second half and £147.40 for the whole term.

For Y5 the cost is £12.50 per week. £82.50 for the first half of the term, £85.00 for the second half and £167.50 for the whole term.

Please pay milk money, £12.00 per child, on Monday if you have not already done so. Milk remains free for all the children who are under 5.



There will be a total of 13 swimming lessons this term at a cost of £4.00 per session. We are now subsidising swimming ourselves. We are very grateful to those parents who pay on a regular basis and would ask those parents that are struggling to at least make a donation.

The facility of large arrears on lunch money that are settled at the end of the term is, unfortunately, no longer available. Lunches will need to be paid on a weekly basis, or half termly / termly up front. Any lunches not taken will be credited to the next term.



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! In future any payments received like this will be returned as they take too long to process.

All cheques, unless advised otherwise, need to be payable to Northumberland County Council.

You are able to pay in school or over the phone with your credit or debit card. This facility is only available on a Tuesday.

We have started our block of cricket coaching with Tom Vickers and now have a cricket club after school on a Tuesday. We still have a few places left. Please speak to Kathy if your child is interested.

The Fairtrade healthy tuck shop is open on Thursday lunchtimes, so that snacks and drinks can be purchased to eat after swimming. Geobars cost 50p and fruit juice 50p

We continue to be able to donate the proceeds to our linked school Kazinga in Uganda. The Y4 & 5's will be responsible for running it.

Please have a PE kit in school. Always bring a coat. Don't forget your kit if you are swimming on Thursdays. Please stay away from school for 48 hours if you have been sick or have diarrhoea.

'Together Time' an afterschool club which involves bible based stories arts and crafts for R - Y5, starts again next Monday. There are a few spaces left - please speak to Kathy. (If you were part of this club last term it will be assumed you are continuing unless you have already spoken to Kathy.)

IF YOUR SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS ARE CHANGING BECAUSE OF A CLUB PLEASE LET YOUR DRIVER KNOW.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE DRIVER. THE MORNING TIMINGS ARE VERY TIGHT. TO AVOID UNNECESSARY WAITING TIMES, PLEASE ALWAYS LET YOUR DRIVER (OR ANOTHER PARENT AT THE SAME STOP) KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT GOING TO BE ON THE BUS.

Your child's access to all of our online resources, eg. Active Learn and School 360, is all done now by one username and password. This is usually username: first name . surname, passwords start with a capital letter and end in 1. Your child will be given a reminder card next week.

Uniform can be easily ordered online from www.border-embroideries.co.uk

There is a free delivery service to school once a month or you can pay the postage to your address for a quicker delivery. We encourage our pupils to be smartly dressed with grey trousers / skirt and a school hoodie or sweatshirt. Please could the children wear sensible school shoes. This portrays a smart image and identifies the children easily when we are out of school. Every child has or will have (more have been ordered) a school cap which has been donated by the PTA and we ask that the children have the school PE kit, including the new PE hoodie, it looks much smarter when we are at team events.

We are aware of the problems experienced over the holidays and hope that these have now been sorted. If not please direct your query to Border Embroidery initially, but to school if you are still unhappy.

Swimming **Y1 - 5 STARTED SWIMMING THIS WEEK**



It is extremely helpful if **EVERY** piece of clothing is named (**including pants, socks and shoes**) and that the younger girls are not wearing tights. It is very difficult to help the children get dressed quickly after the lesson if they can't remember what they were wearing and nothing is named! There is a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per session. We are very grateful to the parents who continue to pay this on a regular basis.

Please **DO NOT PARK** in front of the school or in the disabled bay when dropping off and picking up your children. The front of the school is for the use of the school transport **ONLY** at the start and end of the day, to arrive and depart safely. The disabled bay is in regular use by parents and volunteers who have been awarded disabled badges. Thank you for your patience in dealing with the recent changes to the mini buses and the impact this had on parking.

All Newsletters and other important letters will be sent electronically unless a hard copy is requested. Please speak to Kathy. It is your responsibility to update your details in ParentMail PMX so that you receive them. We have no access to your information and cannot make any changes.



Tuesday 27th September is Toasty Tuesday; please bring 30p for a hot buttered slice of toast with jam or marmite.

All money raised for 'Toasty Tuesday' this school year will once again be donated to the 'Daft as a Brush' campaign. A charity offering staffed, custom-made vehicles to transport outpatients, free of charge, to and from Hospital who are undergoing Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy cancer treatment.

As you are aware, we sent out guidance about Slap Cheek syndrome, earlier this week. There are a number of parents and a staff member who are currently pregnant, we need to know if you think your child has this, please ring us for guidance.

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