Ellington Primary School 9th July 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well during the current situation with COVID-19. Please find below some information in preparation for us to welcome you back in September.

Milk

Milk payments that were received for the Summer Term have now been transferred to the Autumn Term. Your child will therefore receive their milk when they return to school in September. Please contact the school if you are unsure whether you made this payment and would like to check. If no payment was made for the Summer Term but your child has decided they would like milk for the Autumn Term, please access a milk slip on the school website and return with payment by Wednesday 15th July.

School Grid

School Grid is an on-line system we use in school that enables you to view menus and pre-order meals for your child/children. It is particularly important during the current pandemic to order meals from home to avoid meals being ordered each day when your child comes into school using the interactive whiteboard in the classroom. You will have the option to change from school meals to packed lunches on a daily basis. Please contact the school office if your child has any dietary requirements.

School Dinners Costings - September 2020

School dinners are free of charge for children in reception and Years 1 & 2 due to the Government Infant Free School Meals Scheme and for children in receipt of Income Based Free School Meals. The cost of dinners for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 are:

Per Day £2.30

Per Week £11.50

Half Term (until 23.10.20) £85.10 (37 Days) Full Term (until 18.12.20) £165.60 (72 Days)

We would like payments to be made online via School Grid using your personalised login if at all possible. This is particularly important during the current pandemic as we are trying to reduce the number of items being sent into school. If it is not possible you can pay cash/cheque by sending it in to the school with your child in a named envelope (no purses). Dinner money can be paid in advance for the half term or full term.

P.E Houses

Children in Reception – Year 6 are all allocated a 'House' for which they can gain points for good work and behaviour. The houses throughout school are as follows:

Alnwick: Red Warkworth: Yellow Bamburgh: Green Ford: Blue

We would like all children to wear a P.E. top in their house colour for P.E. lessons. Sports shirts can be ordered from our uniform supplier but any sports shirt of the appropriate colour is acceptable.

All new starters and children moving in to reception will be contacted and informed of which house they have been allocated.

New Nursery Starters

Please see enclosed booklet with information and start date for your child.

School Holidays 2020-2021

Please find attached a copy of the school holiday dates for 2020 - 2021. School will close on Friday 17^{th} July and re-open on Thursday 3^{rd} September.

Please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help and support you with any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hunter

School Bursar