



'Let your light shine'

6th September 2024

Dear Families,

Our Vision *'Let your light shine'* We believe that, in the eyes of God, we are all special and we each have a unique blend of personality and gifts or talents. At Tritlington, our vision is to nurture these talents so that each of us has the opportunity to become the best we can be.

We want our pupils to flourish, thrive and excel, so that their lives make a positive and precious difference - in their classrooms, throughout the school, in their homes and their communities.

Our goal is to prepare our children to make their own, unique contribution to a diverse society and be confident, happy citizens.

To summarise, letting our light shine is all about: 'Being the best we can be, for ourselves and others.'

Welcome

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. We are delighted to have some new families join Tritlington School, a warm welcome to you all.

School Dinners

Our delicious school meals are made fresh to order each day by our Catering Unit Manager Mrs Whellans. They are cooked on the premises and served in our school hall. The children receive a two-course meal including a vegetarian option, special dietary requirements can also be catered for. The children are encouraged to take fresh fruit and vegetables and to try all the foods on offer. Dinners cost £2.35 for two courses (£11.75 per week).

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children do not have to pay for their meals as this is covered by the Universal Free school meal initiative.

However, children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 do have to pay. If you think you may qualify for income related free school meals due to a benefit you are in receipt of, please use this [link](#) for further information.

Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

It's simple and easy to see if your child is entitled to free school meals. This is not the same as Universal Free School Meals, which every child is entitled to from Reception to Year 2. You will be able to access subsidised educational visits, free milk, subsidised clubs including Breakfast Club, as well as the school receiving £1500 per pupil which supports resources and staff for your child. The number to apply is 0345 6006400 and they can check by using your national insurance to see if you are eligible. Please help yourself and the school by giving them a ring. Thank you!

Breakfast Club / Wraparound Care update from September 2024

As you are aware we are in the process of recruiting staff to run our Wraparound Care offer. We are pleased to say that we will be interviewing soon for the roles available. We will keep you updated on progress. In the meantime, we will continue to run our after school clubs as detailed below until we have someone in post.

Tax Free Child Childcare

School is now set up as a Tax-Free Childcare Provider. This can be used by working parents to pay for breakfast club/after school clubs, with the government adding £2 for every £8 you pay in. If you use a tax-free childcare account, some other benefits can stop so please make sure you read the guidance on the government website before applying. Please find further information [here](#)

Library Books

Please ensure your child brings their library book to school on a Friday when they will visit our wonderful school library.

Community Library

On a Thursday from 3.15pm, you are welcome to come into school to visit the school library in the Rainbow Room with your child to share and select some books to borrow. We would love to see you there!

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the children looking so smart on their return to school! Please ensure that **ALL** items of clothing are labelled with your child's name to avoid losing them. It can be upsetting for your child when they misplace items and they are not named. Already we have some new jumpers in lost property with no names!

Cashpot for Schools

Asda have introduced a 'Cashpot for Schools' which means that they will donate money to our school and it doesn't cost you a penny. If you have the Asda Rewards App, please click on the 'Cashpot for Schools' link on the home screen and then pop our postcode in to find us which is NE61 3DU.

As always, we are grateful for your ongoing support and let's raise the most we can! Thankyou

After school clubs

If you wish for your child to attend any of the after school clubs, please email the school office to book a place for them as numbers are limited at some of our clubs. admin@tritlington.northumberland.sch.uk

Autumn Term 1 After School Clubs	
Monday	Lego Club 3.15 - 4.15pm £4
Tuesday	Art Club 3.15 - 4.15pm £4
Wednesday	Forest School 'Seedlings After School Club' 3.15 - 4.45pm £6
Thursday	Multisports Club 3.15 - 4.15pm £4
Friday	PE Club with Liam 3.15 - 4.15pm £4

Please check the **Dates For Your Diary** carefully. Dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and if an opportunity presents itself, we may add extra dates to the calendar. These are also available on the school website.

Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term	
Wednesday 2nd October	Harvest Festival Service in school at 10.30am Parents Invited
Friday 15th November	Children in Need - non-uniform day
Tuesday 19th November	Parental Consultations - Virtual/phone calls
Thursday 21st November	Parental Consultations - Face to face
Friday 29th November	School photographer in school

Thursday 12th December	Christmas lunch in school for pupils
Thursday 12th December	Nativity - Parent evening performance 6pm
Friday 13th December	Nativity - Parent afternoon performance 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christingle / Christmas Service at Hebron Church 9am Parents Invited
Thursday 19th December	Christmas party in school for pupils
Friday 20th December	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Monday 6th January	START BACK AT SCHOOL

Kind regards

Mrs O'Dell and Mrs Stephenson
Joint Headteachers