



Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2024

Message from Mrs Lakey:

I am really proud of how well everyone is doing at the moment. Thank you for your support in keeping your children off school if they are sick. We are now in full swing for the run up to half term, followed swiftly by Christmas. A gentle reminder that we now start lessons at 8.45am, children can be left at school from 8.30am. Breakfast club is available from 8.00am for a cost of £2.50 (including breakfast) Please book in advance.



Next Thursday, 17th October, we are having a non-uniform, toffee apple day, to raise funds for the PTA. We are asking the children to come to school in non-uniform, if they would like to, and bring a donation of £2.50. Each child will be given a cellophane wrapped toffee apple to bring home. Extra apples will be available for family members at a cost of £1.00.



Y1 – Y2 will be going to Whitehouse Farm on Wednesday 23rd October and will need uniform, plus a water bottle, water proof coat and sensible footwear. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10.00. All the children will receive a free ticket to return.

Parents Evening is Wednesday 23rd October from 3.15pm. There are still appointments left for anyone who hasn't yet made one.



On Thursday 24th October we will be welcoming Jammi Art back into school for a Divali art workshop.

We will be holding a Harvest Festival in school on Friday 25th October and asking the children to bring in a non-perishable item for Alnwick Food Bank. We will start at 9.15 and hope to welcome as many of you as possible.

Monday 4th November is a teacher training day and school will be closed to pupils whilst staff undertake training.

Our After-School Club continues to thrive. After half term, cricket on a Monday, will change to Fun Club for the rest of the Autumn term. Your child will be automatically transferred from cricket to Fun Club unless you tell us otherwise.

There are still spaces each night, except Thursday's Forest Craft which is full. We are also able to offer emergency provision if necessary.

As we head toward Christmas, here are a few ways you can support the school with no outlay to yourselves:

Easy Fundraising

Follow the simple steps to register,



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/facesellingham/>

Make sure you click on the donation reminder toolbar. Having downloaded the tool bar when you visit a site that supports 'easyfundraising' a small reminder will pop up asking you if you want to link a purchase to the fundraising website. It's easy to use, it doesn't compromise your security and will earn money for the school with no effort on your part.

Over 2,700 well known retailers, including, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco will donate a small percentage of what you spend to FACES - Friends and Community of Ellingham School - to say thank you for shopping with them.

If you run a business, or know someone who works somewhere that orders internet goods, please encourage them to register and support our cause.

We also run a school lottery once a week and, although our numbers have dwindled, someone continues to win each week whilst also donating to our school.



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<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ellingham-c-of-e-aided-first-school> Tickets are only £1.00 each and someone wins every Saturday. To the parents who win on a very regular basis and continue to donate the win back to school, thank you, you know who you are!

We break up for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 25th October and return on **Tuesday 5th November 2024**.

Heads Up for some forward planning:



Friday 15th November, is Pudsey Bear - Children in Need Day. We are asking the children to dress up in a recycled spot costume. Use your imagination and create a Spot-tacular costume using recycled spots! There will be prizes for the best costume. If you are able to bring a donation, we will make sure it gets to this worthwhile charity.

Monday 18th November, individual photos will be taken. We will let you know details to include younger siblings closer to the time.



Wednesday 20th November – Friday 22nd Time Zone go on their residential visit to Robinwood. Everyone is very excited.

On Wednesday 11th December, Y1 – Y6 will be going to The Maltings to watch the pantomime Sinbad. More details closer to the time.

On Wednesday 11th December, Reception, Nursery and Wellies&Wonder will be going to Bamburgh Castle to study castles and meet Father Christmas.

We are asking the Wellies&Wonder parents to bring their children to the castle and pick them up again. If any children who don't normally attend on a Wednesday would like to join us, please let us know.

On Thursday 12th December, PTA will once again be holding a Christmas wreath making class at Ellingham Village Hall. Bookings are open now. If you would like to take part please speak to Kathy.

On Friday 13th December, the whole school R-Y6 will receive a flu immunisation. There is still time to complete the request paperwork that has been sent to your Parentmail Inbox, twice.

On Friday 13th December there will be a PTA disco at Ellingham Village Hall. More details closer to the time.

On Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am, Nursery – Y2 will be holding a Christmas performance dress rehearsal at 9.30.

On Wednesday 18th December at 5.00pm Nursery – Y2 will be holding a Christmas performance.

