

It's Pudsey Bear day this Friday (15th November). Wear something spotty (non school uniform day) and bring a bear to school. The Year 5 and 6 children will be organising games involving bears! We will be collecting donations for this fantastic charity.



Next week is Parents Evening – Tuesday 19th for Mrs Swinbank and Wednesday 20th for the other teachers. There are still a few spaces left.

Don't forget the deadline for ordering school photographs is November 22nd. Everyone should now have their online ordering code. Please get in touch if you have any questions.



We are now collecting boxes of Christmas Crackers for the Alwick Food bank Christmas parcels. Crackers can be brought in and left with Kathy.

Ellingham School PTA Facebook page. We use Facebook for day to day information so please either check our page regularly or make sure you are interacting for the posts to appear in your own feed.

Cricket after school

Cricket club is on a Monday night for this half of term, open to KS2 – we still have a few places.

Sports clubs are £2.50 per session which includes a snack and a drink.

On **Monday 2nd December** we will be holding a dress rehearsal for the Space Base and Splash Nativity play. Please can anyone who attends our toddler group, or has very young children or babies, bring them to this performance and not December 3rd or 4th. We will involve the youngest children in the dress rehearsal and it will allow the two following performances to be filmed discretely by parents, should they wish.

On **Tuesday December 3rd, at 1.30pm**, Early Years, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity Play in the school hall. This will be repeated at **5.30pm** on **Wednesday 4th December**. If any costumes are needed, we will let you know closer to the time. Please could you attend one or other of the performances, not both, to allow space for all our parents as this is an un ticketed event.

On **Tuesday 10th December**, Y5 and 6 are going to Newcastle to see the pantomime Cinderella. The children will return to school at approximately 4.30pm. They need very smart uniform and a coat. There will be an update on our Facebook page for their arrival time. A separate letter will be sent out.

On **Tuesday 10th December**, the Early Years children will be going to Alwick Gardens for Christmas festivities and to train to be an elf! Mrs Swinbank will give you more information via the Early Years blog.

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

On Tuesday 10th December, Y1, 2, 3 and 4 will be having a Christmas Art morning followed by a buffet lunch and party games. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home and would like to take part in the buffet lunch, please let Kathy know. The cost will be £2.30

On Wednesday 11th December, there will be a further Operation Encompass parent drop in at 2.45pm.

On Thursday 12th December, Early Years and Reception will be going to the Church to decorate the Christmas tree.

On Friday 13th December, we would like to invite everyone to our Christmas Carol service in the Church at 9.30am.

On Wednesday 18th December we will be having Christmas lunch, if your child usually brings packed lunch but would like to have Christmas lunch please let Kathy know. The cost will be £2.30. There will be no cold sandwich option on that day.



On Thursday 19th December, R – Y5 will be going to Doxford Hall for a Christmas Party. Y6 will stay in school with Miss Baines for an afternoon of fun. A light snack will be provided at 10.30 am at school, for those children that have school lunch. Doxford Hall is kindly providing lunch. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they will only need a snack.

Don't forget to use Easy fundraising when you are shopping online for Christmas Presents. Thank you to those parents who have signed up for Easy Fundraising in previous years. You can sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/facesellingham/>

Download the toolbar, every time you use a site supported by Easy Fundraising you will donate money to the school. All the major retailers, supermarkets, travel companies etc are part of this scheme. If you are shopping on Amazon you need to go to the Easy fundraising site first, it won't automatically ask you if you want to donate!



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We are predicted to have a cold winter ahead of us, please ensure your contact details are up to date on ParentmailPMX. Even if you have informed school of a change of mobile number we can't access your details on ParentmailPMX, so please check carefully.

Please ensure your child has a coat, gloves and hat in school and sensible suitable for outdoor play as well as an outdoor PE kit (joggers and a PE Hoodie).

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