



Spring Term 2020 Newsletter 2



As the weather is cold, please ensure your child has a coat every day plus scarf and gloves. All PE kits will be sent home for half term. Please double check they belong to your child and are named. We are once again missing uniform, so please check carefully.

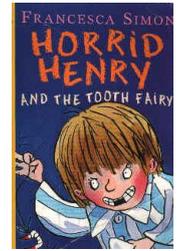
In the event of school bad weather closure, information will be sent by text, posted on our school Facebook page, and will be on the school and NCC website and Radio Newcastle. **It is your responsibility to update your details in PMX ParentMail so that you receive letters and texts.**

A huge thank you, to any parent who has donated school uniform for the swap shop. We have a lot of items, so please just ask if you are looking for something. We also have some brand new, size small grey trousers.

We are continuing to offer After School Club, tailored to the needs of the parents who are actually using it. The club currently runs on a Thursday until 4.30pm. Provision can still be booked on the day, provided we have other children signed up. Please ask if you would like any further information.

There are still a few places for Rugby for KS2 on a Monday from 3.00 – 4.30pm. Please get in touch if your child is interested.

The Horrid Henry club has proved to be a huge success and the children are enthusiastically joining in with the 'jokes'. The staff in school, during the time of the club are perhaps not quite so enthusiastic!



After half term, Mrs Lakey will be launching a lunch-time, Lego League Junior club for pupils in Y3 and 4. Further info will follow.

We are pleased to announce that we are taking part in the 'Twenty Five Alive Hospice Care' fund raising this February.

The Hospice are giving schools £25.00 and seeing how far they can 'grow' it during the month. Each class will run their grow project as a mini business and we will let you know at the end of February how much we were able to donate.

Each class has decided to do something different and will be selling their different products, or holding their activities, at different times through the month of February. We will remind you when your child needs to bring a small amount of money in.

Reception and Nursery will be growing herbs in pots, for sale at the end of February. The herbs will be available at the end of the month for 50p a pot.

Y1 and 2 will be holding a cake sale on Tuesday 4th February. Cakes will cost 50p.

Y3 and 4 will be holding a mini fete for the whole school, running games with prizes on the 12th February (the games will cost 25p to enter)

Y5 and 6 will be making pebble picture holders. Each Y5 and 6 child will need to bring 3 large pebbles to create their photo frame. More details, and an idea of size, will be put on the school Facebook page. These will be sold on the 25th February for between £1.00 and £2.00 depending on the size.

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We were delighted to Welcome Alan Windram, author of One Button Benny, into school last week. The children, who ordered any books other than One Button Benny, will get them in the next few weeks.

After half term, on Wednesday 18th March, Y1, 2, 3, 4 will be going to Newcastle. Y3 and 4 are visiting the Great North Museum for a Land of the Pharaohs workshop.

Year 1 and 2 are visiting the Discovery museum for a Transport through the Ages workshop.

We will be starting League Football matches again later this term and will send parents a separate letter about team members and fixtures. We will also consider any keen Y4 footballers. Please get in touch if you have a Y4 who would be interested. Mrs Lakey will be running some lunchtime training and selection sessions after half term. New goal posts are arriving this week.

Following the last Newsletter, we have only had one person come forward who would like to join the PTA. As a result, for the rest of this school year, the PTA committee we have currently has kindly agreed to stay in post and we will concentrate on one big Fund Raiser. The Summer Fair will take place in Bamburgh on Sunday 7th June and we will be asking for raffle donations, tombola prizes, baking etc, plus the commitment of a few hours of your time. Please put this date in your diaries.

By virtue of having a child in school, every parent is a part of the PTA and we hope that during the summer term more people may come forward to volunteer their services. We look forward to welcoming the one brave parent who has already volunteered to be Chair from September.



In the meantime, you can still help the school fundraise by using Easy Fundraising when you shop on the internet.

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!

Another way is to join our school lottery

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ellingham-c-of-e-aided-first-school> The tickets are only £1.00 each and someone wins every Saturday.

Y6 parents don't forget SATS booster classes start next Tuesday after school and will continue every Tuesday until May.

Don't forget we have a Teacher Training Day on Friday 14th February.

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