



A Small School with a BIG Heart

Ellingham C of E
Primary School

Autumn Term 2018 Newsletter 3

It's Pudsey Bear day next Friday (16th 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.



Ellingham School PTA Facebook page. Facebook has changed the way it organises your Facebook feeds. Unless you interact with our page on a regular basis, (clicking like to posts or commenting) you will stop seeing as many notifications. We use Facebook for day to day information so please either check our page regularly or make sure you are interacting. You can also check your notification settings on a phone.

Open the Ellingham School PTA Facebook page;
Click on name of group under the cover photo of school picture;
Press edit notification settings;
Under In App Notifications check all posts is ticked.

Our After School care has proved to be very popular. We are now taking bookings for January. If you would like a form please ask Kathy. We run after school care every night from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at £5.00 an hour. The children have a snack and depending on their age, can complete homework and do various activities.

On a Tuesday we run a construction club, Wednesdays after Christmas, an art and crafts club and Friday is the children's choice of a film. This can be booked at short notice depending on availability.

Badminton after school

Badminton after school will continue until Monday December 3rd and resume again on Monday January 14th until the February half term. **We will assume your child will continue with the club after Christmas, unless you tell us otherwise.**



Badminton will continue on a THURSDAY 3.00-4.30 from 28th February. **Please sign up as soon as possible. Badminton is open to Y3,4, 5 and 6**

Rugby after school

After half term, on Mondays' we will have Rugby from 3.00 – 4.30pm. **Please sign up as soon as possible. Rugby is open to Y3, 4, 5 and 6.**

Cricket after school

The last cricket session after school will be Thursday 13th December. We hope to be able to offer this again at a later date

Gymnastics after school

The last gymnastics session after school will be Friday 14th December. We hope to be able to offer this again at a later date.

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

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.

Miss Baines Sports club will not be continuing next term but will hopefully return for the summer term.

The new school lunch menu is available on our web site. Please give us a weeks' notice for any changes from hot to cold or vice versa

P.T.A. News

Get your dancing shoes on and be prepared to boogie on down at the F.A.C.E.S Harvest Hoe Down on November 30th, at Bamburgh Pavilion.

Children are welcome to attend the event for the whole evening but age specific games will be played as follows; Early Years to Year 2 - 5pm to 6:30pm, then Year 3 to Year 6 - 6:30pm to 8pm.

There will be a nominal charge of £2.50 per child.

Refreshments and Bar will be available and Fancy Dress is optional. We look forward to seeing you there. As this is an un-ticketed event, If you could give us an indication if you are coming it would be useful for food numbers.



Ellingham Hall has kindly invited the PTA to host a fundraising stall at their Christmas Fayre on Sunday 2nd December. This is ideal to get you in the Christmas Spirit and grab some early presents.

One of our activities is a Bottle Raffle, all donations of any bottles are greatly appreciated. Please leave your donations of shampoo to Champagne, brown sauce to Brown Ale with Kathy.



On **Tuesday December 4th**, at **1.30pm**, Early Years, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be performing a Nativity Play in the school hall. This will be repeated at **5.30pm** on **Wednesday 5th December**. If any costumes are needed, we will let you know closer to the time.

On Tuesday 11th December, Y5 and 6 are going to Newcastle to see the pantomime Aladdin. 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.

On Tuesday 11th December, Y1, 2, 3 and 4 will be having a Christmas Art morning with Mrs Wilkinson 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 Tuesday 11th December, the Early Years children will be going to Alnwick Gardens for Christmas festivities and to train to be an elf! Mrs Swinbank will give you more information via the Early Years blog.



On Monday 17th December Y 3, 4,5 and 6 will be singing carols at 6.00pm in Ellingham Church. We hope that all children in these year groups will be present as they may have different singing parts.

On Wednesday 19th 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.

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 Thursday 20th December, Early Years to Y4 will be going to Doxford Hall for a Christmas Party. 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).

The local Food Bank is always under huge pressure at this time of year, sadly there are more and more people having to use them – we will be collecting non-perishable items until the end of term.

Please check your child's bag tomorrow for E Safety information following Mrs Lakey's meeting for parents before half term.

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