

Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2022



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 Christmas and this Newsletter contains some important dates.

Thank you for your generous donation of items for Alnwick Food Bank through our Harvest Festival.

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.

The Amazon Smile Charity campaign is also easy to use and costs you nothing. Register us as your Smile charity and every time you use Amazon we will get a small donation.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1069014-0>

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.

<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 parent who wins on a very regular basis and continues to donate the win back to school, thank you, you know who you are!



The clothes bank is proving successful and also donates a small percentage to school, whilst making sure your unwanted items are put to good use

Our After School Club continues to thrive. Science Club on a Wednesday will change to a craft club for the Spring term. We will send out a booking form for next term's provision in the next few weeks. All clubs finish at 4.00pm.

You can now view our uniform and try on garments for sizing at Sports World in Alnwick. Our uniform continues to be provided by <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/ellingham-c-of-e-primary-school.html> there is currently a sale on the website. Serena Philipson kindly continues to store our second-hand uniform.

Time Zone are all set for their residential trip to Robinwood on Wednesday 16th November. Final details have gone out. If you have any questions please let us know.

Our Toddler pottery painting with Cheviot Ceramics was a huge success and we welcomed some new faces into school to take part.



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Half the school have painted their pottery items and the rest will be complete by the end of the week. We hope you will be delighted with the result.

Thank you to the P.T.A. who organised this event and are giving the children their painted decoration as a Christmas gift. When it comes to Father Christmas' presents he may be feeling the pinch this year!



Friday 18th 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 a fashion show and prizes for the best costume. If you are able to bring a donation, we will make sure it gets to this worthwhile charity.

On Thursday 24th November Splash and Space Base will be going to the Alnwick Duchess High School for Climate Action Day, they will return in time for lunch.

On Friday 2nd December at 6.30pm, we will be holding a P.T.A. Christmas Wreath making evening. Tickets are £25.00 and can be obtained from school. We are opening this to parents initially and then the wider community. There are only a limited number of places. Please tell your friends. The ticket will include a glass of mulled wine/fizz, a homemade mince pie and everything to make your wreath. This is a fun PTA fund raiser, not a professional florist event, but there will be a demonstration and help to design a lovely wreath.

On Friday 9th December, there will be a toddler Christmas Craft morning at 9.00am, open to anyone under 3 years old accompanied by an adult.



On Friday 9th December, there will be a P.T.A. Christmas Disco at Lucker Village Hall at 5.00pm – 7.00pm. Tickets will be £2.00 per adult. £1.00 per child and will be on sale at school shortly. The ticket includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for the adults and a hot dog and drink for the children. There will be party games and music. More details will follow shortly. We will be holding a raffle and would welcome raffle prizes.

On Tuesday 13th December at 11.00am, there will be a baby friendly performance for our Nativity 'Christmas Counts' (Nursery, Splash and Space Base) we would encourage you to come to this performance if you have small children who want to watch it.

There will be an evening performance on Wednesday 14th at 5.00pm. Space is restricted, so please think carefully about which performance would be most suitable for you.

On Wednesday 14th, we are hoping that Earth Works and Time Zone will travel to Newcastle to watch a pantomime. We will let you know closer to the time.

Thursday 15th December, will be Christmas lunch for the whole school. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home and would like Christmas lunch, please let Kathy know. The cost is £2.30.

Tuesday 20th December, Christmas Church Service at St Maurice's Ellingham. The service will start at 9.30am and will be led by Earth Works and Time Zone. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday 21st December, Buffet party lunch. Children who bring a packed lunch from home will be included for no extra charge.

THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER 3pm, BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS not all schools are breaking up on the same day so please note this date.