



Newsletter 3 Autumn Term 2024

Message from Mrs Lakey:

We are heading towards Christmas very quickly. The next few weeks of this term are hectic and full of fun activities and experiences. Please ask us if you have any questions.

Wednesday 20th November – Friday 22nd November

Time Zone go on their residential visit to Robinwood. Everyone is very excited. Updates for pick up time on Friday will be on Facebook. It will be approximately 4.15pm, but is dependent on the traffic.



Monday 9th December,

please could all library books be back in school for checking.

On **Wednesday 11th December**, Y1 – Y6 will be going to The Maltings to watch the pantomime Sinbad. This event has been subsidised by the P.T.A., reducing the ticket to a donation of £5.00, instead of the actual cost, including transport, which is over £20.00 per head. An electronic consent form will be sent prior to the event. Donations can be sent at any time.

On **Wednesday 11th December**, Reception, Nursery and Wellies&Wonder will be going to Bamburgh Castle to study castles and meet Father Christmas. The trip has been subsidised by the PTA and there will be no charge.

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. We will meet Wellies&Wonder at the castle at 10.15am and they will be ready to pick up at about 1.30pm depending on the weather.

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.



Friday 13th December – Christmas Disco at Ellingham Village Hall. More details closer to the time.

Tuesday 17th December, at 9.30am and **Wednesday 18th December**, at 5.00pm, we will be holding our Nativity play, Higgledy Piggledy Nativity, in school. The 17th December performance will be a baby friendly, dress rehearsal and we would encourage you to bring any younger siblings to watch this performance.

If your child stays for After School Art club on Wednesdays we will keep them until the performance. Please give them a snack they can bring in to eat beforehand. If any costume is required, we will let you know.

Thursday 19th December, Christmas Carol Service at St Maurice's Ellingham. The service will start at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday 19th December, 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 £2.50. Christmas jumpers, or a piece of tinsel, or a Santa/elf hat can be worn to





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school instead of uniform but, long trousers and wellies will be needed. Pupils will be walking to Church in the morning.

Thursday 19th December, Buffet party lunch. Children who bring a packed lunch from home will be included for no extra charge.

Friday 20th December will be non-uniform. Please make sure the children still have clothes suitable for outdoor play.

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.

<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!

The clothes bank is still proving successful and also donates a small percentage to school, whilst making sure your unwanted items are put to good use. If you have a Christmas clear out please make sure to remember it takes clothes, shoes, jewellery and bags. Everything needs to be in a bag.

