



Staffing update: We are delighted to tell you that both Mrs Lakey and Mrs Dodds are recuperating well at home. We hope that they will be able to come back to school in the next few weeks. The following changes are still in place. Miss Baines is teaching Time Zone, Mrs Williams is covering Mrs Lakey's teaching in Earth Works, Mrs Swinbank and our student teacher, Mrs Palmer are in EY's and Mrs Pullin who is an extremely experienced KS 1 supply teacher is covering Space Base. School continues to run smoothly but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask us.

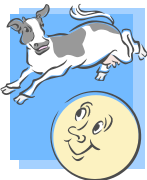
We continue to use our school PTA Facebook page as the quickest way to relay information to parents. Should the school be closed for snow, this is the first place you would see the information. We try to answer questions on the same day and have found it useful for reminders, or clarifying timings for homework etc.

Newsletters will continue to be sent through PMX Parentmail. If anyone needs to speak to a teacher, or has any concerns, this can be dealt with quickly through Kathy.

We had a lovely World Book Day and the children enjoyed dressing up as book characters and visiting the Book Café in Earth Works. There are pictures on our Facebook page and Twitter.

Important update re school day timings: This may be delayed until September. We will let you know as soon as Northumberland County Council transport department has confirmed with us.

If anyone needs to pay for lunch etc as we get closer to the end of term, payments can be made over the phone on a Tuesday, after 9.30 am, or a cheque sent at any time. Please ask Kathy if you would like a bill calculated.



Milk this term, will be charged retrospectively at the end of the term. Any child who paid for milk last term will be charged again this term, unless you have spoken to Kathy.

We continue to run a well-attended After School Club each night until 4.00pm. There are still spaces available for all the clubs. It is also usually possible to arrange short notice, ad hoc sessions if you suddenly need additional child care. Sports clubs cost £2.50 an hour (subsidised with our government PE grant), Music, Forest Craft and Film club £5.00 an hour.

Please speak to Kathy if you would like more information.

After Easter, Music Club on a Wednesday will change to Art Club. Forms for next terms After School clubs will be sent out shortly.

We are celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March. We will be holding a non-uniform day and collecting donations. Wear something red, if you have it, and take part in some of the fun that will be held in school. We have a justgiving page if you would rather donate directly, the link is below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-ellingham-cofe-primary-school>

Friday 17th will also be 'Tea and Treats' for Mother Day. Come along to school from 2.00pm - 3.00pm and have a cuppa and some home-made cakes. Your child can join you and give you the Mother's Day card they have all made.

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



On Thursday 30th of March there will be a Eucharist service at Ellingham Church at 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome.



On Friday 31st March at 9.00am, everyone is invited to our Planet Protectors Fair. Children in Earth Works will be presenting their work from this half of term, holding talks, presentations and demonstrations about climate change, deforestation and how we can help to protect our wonderful planet.

There is now an App available for our website making it easier to view on a mobile phone.

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Once you put Ellingham into the search, ours is the third one down and says Ellingham C of E Aided Primary School, Chathill, NE67 5ET



As mentioned on Facebook, we now have a Clothes Bank in school. You can donate clothes, shoes (pairs), hats, belts, jewellery etc. Everything needs to be put in a bag and dropped into the bin. This is a very easy way to fundraise for school and look after our planet at the same time. Since the introduction of the Clothes Bank we have raised over £200.

It seems likely that the weather will remain very cold. Please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves in school.



Splash had a fabulous time today making a rainbow snowman.



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