



A Small School with a BIG Heart

Ellingham C of E
Primary School

Autumn Term 2020 Newsletter 2



Message from Mrs Lakey:

I am really proud of how well everyone, including pupils is doing at the moment!

Thanks to everyone for helping us to make the car park safer at the end of the day and waiting to get your children until it is easier to socially distance.

Kathy will continue to produce these regular newsletters and I will update you via my Headteacher blogs. Effective communication routes will enable us all to keep as safe and well as possible, so please keep all contact details up to date and check regularly for PMX Parentmail / Facebook updates.

Please could any overdue dinner money be settled before we break up for half term. We would prefer cheques or card payments can be made over the phone on a Tuesday. All cheques need to be made payable to Northumberland County Council.

Please return any further flu immunisation forms by next Monday.



The school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photos of the children on October 21st. The photographs will be taken under Covid guidance and bubbles will not be mixed except where siblings from different bubbles are taken together. Unfortunately, on this occasion, we cannot include younger brothers and sisters not yet in Nursery. If you don't want a separate photo of your child as well as one with their sibling(s) from a different bubble, please let us know as this will simplify the organisation.

Despite the current circumstances the new P.T.A. Chairperson, Kate Brotherton, has been working hard behind the scenes and all the children have drawn their faces to be printed on a T-Towel that will be available to buy later this term.

The pupils are also working on Christmas designs that will be available to purchase as Christmas cards and a selection of other gifts that will be easy to send through the post.

There are other ways that you could continue to support the school while we are not able to meet and fund raise.

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.

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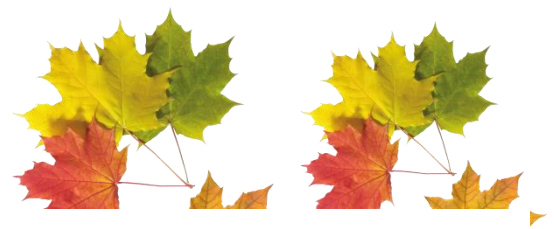
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If you run a business or know someone who works somewhere that orders internet goods please encourage them to register.

The Amazon Smile Charity campaign is also easy to use. 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> The tickets are only £1.00 each and someone wins every Saturday.

The uniform swap shop still has a large quantity of second hand uniform, mainly the larger sizes. Please phone Rachel on 07808065800 if you would like to know what is available.

In line with Track and Trace guidance, you must inform us immediately if anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms, then let us know the test results. **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL.** Please remember that childrens' symptoms can be varied and can include sore throat, and sickness and diarrhoea.

Please make sure we can always contact you. If you need to update your details with new work information please phone Kathy to do so.

Don't forget we break up on THURSDAY 22nd October for half term.

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