



A Small School with a BIG Heart



Ellingham C of E  
Primary School

### Autumn Term Newsletter 3

Don't forget it's Pudsey Bear day this Friday . Wear something spotty (non school uniform day) and bring a donation for this fantastic charity.



Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Hammond will both be retiring at the end of this term. They have been part of the school for a long time and will be greatly missed. If you would like to contribute to a leaving present, for either, or both please send the donation to Kathy in a clearly marked envelope.

We have welcomed Grace Browell and Susie Dodds into school this term. They are both on work experience placements in Early Years.

Our Christmas Performances this year will be split. On Wednesday 6th December, Early Years, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will perform their nativity, 'Christmas Counts', at 1.00pm and 5.00pm, in school. We would encourage anyone with under 3's to come to the afternoon performance. Both performances will be by ticket only. The evening performance is for adults and children over 3 only. Initially, each family can apply for a maximum of 4 tickets, 2 for the afternoon and 2 for the evening.

'Cindy Wella' our Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 production will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm and 6.00pm at Lucker Village Hall. We would encourage anyone with under 3's to come to the afternoon performance. Both performances will be by ticket only. The evening performance is for adults and children over 3 only. Initially each family can apply for a maximum of 4 tickets, 2 for the afternoon and 2 for the evening.

If you are a split family please let Kathy know if you need further tickets, as soon as possible.

If there are any remaining tickets they will be allocated on request, first come first served. All Children at Ellingham Primary School will be expected to attend both performances.

The tickets for 'Christmas Counts' which involves the Early Years, Reception, Year 1 and Y2 children, are available from today. The tickets for the older children's performance at Lucker will be available from next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The older children will be rehearsing at Lucker Village Hall during the day on Tuesday 12th December and the morning of the 13th December if they have school lunch they will be provided with a packed lunch.

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. If you wish to discuss anything with a Parent governor please use the dedicated, confidential email address [ellinghamparents@gmail.com](mailto:ellinghamparents@gmail.com)



Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will be receiving their flu vaccinations on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please look out for the consent letter which will be in their bags on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. The letter must be returned by the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This tight deadline is at the request of the NHS. Please return the letter even if you don't want your child immunised.

**The last 'Together Time' will be Thursday November 30th we will let you know when we will resume on our return after Christmas.**

**The last Badminton sports club will be on Monday 11th December.**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Early Years and Reception children will be going to Alnwick Garden's to meet Santa Elf's. They will need warm clothing and sensible shoes or boots.



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Y 5 and 6 are going to Newcastle to see the pantomime Snow White.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Early Years, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 will be going to Doxford Hall. Lunch is provided by Doxford Hall and Josie will provide a light snack for everyone at break time. The children who bring packed lunch from home will only need to bring a snack.

Y5 and 6 have asked to have a disco which will run in our Hall, while the rest of the school is at Doxford. A buffet lunch will be provided for those who have school lunch.

Party clothes (suitable for outdoorplay) can be worn by everyone on that day.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> the whole school will have Christmas lunch. If your child usually brings a packed lunch please let Kathy know if they would like a Christmas lunch. The cost is £2.30 for Eys - Y4, £2.60 for Y5-6. Please wear your Christmas jumper or some tinsel.

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 we have raised over £390.00 so far. You can sign up at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and support FACES Friends and Community of Ellingham School Chathill. 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 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. If you wish to discuss anything with a Parent governor please use the dedicated, confidential email address [ellinghamparents@gmail.com](mailto:ellinghamparents@gmail.com)

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!

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 shoes suitable for outdoor play as well as an outdoor PE kit (joggers and a PE Hoodie). We still have a number of children without PE kit, the children will be asked to do PE in their uniform and school shoes if no kit is available.

We still have uniform missing. Please double check that you have the right uniform and that it is named. We are looking for a shirt belonging to Morgan Rhodes, her name is clearly embroidered on the front and cannot be missed.



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