



A Small School with a BIG Heart

Ellingham C of E
Primary School

Autumn Term 2021 Newsletter 2



There is still a Covid-19 section on the school website for updated risk assessments and links to what to do if you or your child / children have symptoms. Just click on 'Covid-19' on the top banner to access the links.

We break up for half term on Friday 22nd October and return on Tuesday 2nd November. Monday 1st November is a Teacher Training day.

Message from Mrs Lakey:

I am really proud of how well everyone is doing at the moment. It is lovely to see a semblance of normality return this term, after what has been such a difficult 18 months.

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.

Please check for PMX Parentmail emails. All newsletters and important texts are sent out via this method. We do not have access to your information, so you must remember to keep it up to date. Our Facebook page is used for regular reminders and links to our web site.

Queries can be dealt with quickly by Kathy in the office via phone/email, or an appointment can be made if you would like to see a teacher. We are always happy to help.



We look forward to welcoming you to our Art Exhibition on Tuesday 19th October 2021, 3.10-5.15pm. Please ask Kathy if you would like tickets. The cost is £2.00 each.

We don't allow mobile phones in school. If your child needs to bring in their phone, to receive an important message, they must leave it in the school office. We are always happy to pass on messages and this would be a better option. Please don't allow the children to bring in Fitbits, or other expensive items, as we cannot be held responsible for their safe keeping. Smart watches with cameras are also not allowed in school, for e-safety reasons.



All money needs to be sent in to school on a Monday morning in a clearly marked envelope detailing what you are paying – please do not send in loose cash with a child who has just been told 'give it to Kathy', or cheques that have no indication of what they are paying! All cheques, unless advised otherwise, need to be payable to Northumberland County Council.

You are able to pay over the phone with your credit or debit card. If it is possible to pay by cheque or card this would limit the amount of money that has to be handled by the office.

If you would like to pay for school lunches, here is a reminder of the cost. A card payment can be taken over the phone on a Tuesday.

Lunch costs this term are £2.30 per day for Y3/4 and Nursery and, £2.60 per day for Y5 and 6 (this includes a piece of fruit at break time)

For Y3, Y4 and Early Years, the cost is £11.50 per week. £75.90 for the first half of the term, £78.20 for the second half and £154.10 for the whole term.

For Y5 and Y6, the cost is £13.00 per week. £85.80 for the first half of the term, £88.40 for the second half and £174.20 for the whole term.

Earthworks are enjoying their swimming lessons. Swimming continues to be £4.00 a session. There will be a total of 14 sessions this term at £56.00



We have signed up to the Morrisons – 'It's Good to Grow' scheme which will enable us to purchase free gardening equipment. Up until 24th October, if you download the MyMorrisons app and head to the It's Good to Grow section



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you can nominate our school to donate your tokens to. When searching for our school you have to use **Ellingham CE Primary School** - there are quite a lot of similar schools !

Unfortunately, we are still unable to provide a menu for this term. Our suppliers are reporting shortages and Josie has to cook with the available ingredients, not necessarily the planned menu. We will of course continue to provide lovely home cooked meals.



For those children bringing a packed lunch from home, please remember we have Healthy School status. Please try and make the lunch as healthy and varied as possible. No fried snacks, fizzy drinks or sweets/chocolate will be allowed. Please get in touch if you are not sure what you can send.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL and also have a child in Key Stage 2 with a severe egg allergy.

Please continue to send your child with a clean, named water bottle every day.

School Clubs after half term.

Supastrikers continues on a Monday, 3.00-4.00pm for R-Y2, no cost.

Gymnastics on a Tuesday, 3.00-4.00pm Y3-6, no cost. [Please sign up before half term.](#)

Outdoor craft on a Thursday, 3.00-4.00pm Y3-6, £30.00 for 6 sessions. There are a few places left.

The last Cricket session will be next Tuesday -12th October 2021.

On Friday November 12th, the whole school will be taking part in a Divali Workshop.

On Tuesday 23rd November, Nursery – Y2 will be visiting Northumberland Zoo. More details will be sent out closer to the time.

If you are parking at school in the back car park, please do not park, at any time of the day, where the yellow school transport signs are displayed. (Nearest to the small gate, and the hedge that is adjacent). These spaces are to enable school transport to operate safely. In the afternoon, once school transport has moved away, please can the parents in the back car park come into the front courtyard to collect your children. It is very difficult to see you behind the hedge!



We had a successful P.T.A. (F.A.C.E.S) meeting, and all the main roles are filled. Kate Brotherton remains as Chairperson, the Treasurer and Secretary roles have been filled by Julie Fife and Katryna Shell and Christina Johnson will take over the social media and advertising of our lottery and Easy Fundraising. The new committee have suggested a sponsored walk over the half term might be a fun way to raise funds. More details will be sent out next week.



The pupils are 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. This was a successful way to raise funds last year under very difficult circumstances; we hope this year will be just as successful.

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



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

Border Embroideries, our uniform supplier has a sale in October, if you are looking for something new, now is the time.

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/ellingham-c-of-e-primary-school.html>

To celebrate Harvest Festival, we are going to collect items for Alnwick Food Bank. Please send in any non-perishable, within date items, you might like to donate. The items will be donated to the Food Bank when we break up for half term. We are most likely to hold a Harvest Worship in school for pupils and staff only, however if we can hold an 'open' service we will let you know.



If you are looking for something fun for your children to do over half term. October 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th

Welcome to Northumberland will be running Forest School sessions again in the ancient woodland setting at the beautiful Preston Tower. Woodland crafts, learning about nature, caring for our environment, campfire cooking, den building, playing games making friends and having the best fun ever.

£30.00 per session

Sibling Discount

5-11 years 10am – 3pm



Email Gabby to book. Gabs1982@gmail.com or message via the Welcome To Northumberland Facebook page.