



Message from Mrs Lakey:

We are heading towards Christmas very quickly. The last few weeks of this term are hectic and full of fun activities and experiences, some of which have been funded by your hard-working PTA committee which currently only consists of 4 members plus school staff.

Our After-School Club continues to thrive. Science Club on a Wednesday will change to a Music Club for the Spring term. Orange booking forms have been sent out. Please make sure they are sent back before we break up. All clubs finish at 4.00pm.



Please ask us if anything is unclear. The Christmas arrangements are as follows:

Friday 2nd December at 6.30pm, we are holding a P.T.A. Christmas Wreath making evening. Tickets are £25.00 and can be obtained from school. The ticket will include a glass of mulled wine/ fizz, a homemade mince pie and everything to make your wreath. There are 5 tickets left for this event. Please tell your friends.

Monday 5th December, please could all Story Sacks be returned to school for checking.

On Friday 9th December, there is a toddler Christmas Craft morning at 9.00am, open to anyone under 3 years old accompanied by an adult.

On Friday 9th December, there is a P.T.A. Christmas Disco at Lucker Village Hall at 5.00pm – 7.00pm. Tickets are £2.00 per adult. £1.00 per child and are on sale in school. The ticket includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for the adults and a sausage in a roll and drink for the children. There will be party games and music. This is an inexpensive, fun night for your children but, unfortunately, unless we sell more tickets we will have to cancel.



Monday 12th December, please could all library books be back in school for checking.

On Tuesday 13th December at 11.00am, there will be a baby friendly performance for our Nativity 'Christmas Counts' (Nursery, Splash and Space Base) we would encourage you to come to this performance if you have small children who want to watch it.

There will be an evening performance on **Wednesday 14th at 5.00pm**. Space is restricted, so please think carefully about which performance would be most suitable for you.

On Wednesday 14th December, Earth Works and Time Zone travel to Newcastle to watch Dick Whittington at the Exchange Theatre in North Shields. Parents are aware that their children will not return until approximately 4.15pm. 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.

Thursday 15th 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 £2.30. Christmas jumpers, or a piece of tinsel, can be worn to school instead of uniform.

Friday 16th December, Space Base and Splash will be having a special video conversation with someone who lives at the North Pole. A small present, for all the children will be left at the same time by his reindeer. This is totally funded by the P.T.A.

Tuesday 20th December, Christmas Church Service at St Maurice's Ellingham. The service



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will start at 9.30am and will be led by Earth Works and Time Zone. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday 21st December, Buffet party lunch. Children who bring a packed lunch from home will be included for no extra charge.

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd December will be non-uniform. Please make sure the children still have clothes suitable for outdoor play.

THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER 3pm, BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS not all schools are breaking up on the same day so please note this date.

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.

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 clothes bank is proving successful and also donates a small percentage to school, whilst making sure your unwanted items are put to good use

