



## Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2023

Message from Mrs Lakey:

I am really proud of how well everyone is doing at the moment. Thank you for your support in keeping your children off school if they are sick. We are now in full swing for the run up to half term, followed swiftly by Christmas. A gentle reminder that we now start lessons at 8.45am, children can be left at school from 8.30am. Thank you to the parents who are getting up earlier to help us achieve this.

We will be holding a Harvest Festival in school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October and asking the children to bring in a non-perishable item for Alnwick Food Bank. We will start at 9.15 and hope to welcome as many of you as possible.

Y1 – Y6 will be going to visit the Chillingham Cattle on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October and will need uniform, plus a water bottle, water proof coat and trousers and sensible footwear for mud (sturdy walking boots/wellies). The children will be studying animal behaviour and map reading.

Heads Up for some forward planning.



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, is Pudsey Bear - Children in Need Day. We are asking the children to dress up in a recycled spot costume. Use your imagination and create a Spot-tacular costume using recycled spots! There will be a fashion show and prizes for the best costume. If you are able to bring a donation, we will make sure it gets to this worthwhile charity.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30, and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm, we will be holding our Nativity play in school. More details will be sent out closer to the time.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, Y2 – Y6 will travel to Newcastle to watch the pantomime Aladdin. We will let you know arrangements closer to the time. We will return later than usual so, there will be no school transport, your child will need to be collected from school.

Our After-School Club continues to thrive. After half term, cricket on a Wednesday for the older children, will change to Creative club for the rest of the Autumn term. Your child will be automatically transferred from cricket to Creative club unless you tell us otherwise.

There are still spaces each night and we are also able to offer emergency provision if necessary.

Everyone should now have a photograph order from Shutterbugz for the individual photos taken recently. Please follow the instructions to order online. If you would like to purchase the whole school photo, please follow the same online process and use the code ELLC23864.

We have a new text method of paying any school lunches / swimming/ After School club etc. Please ask Kathy to calculate a bill and a text will be sent out on a Tuesday, with a secure link to pay your invoice. The link will last 24hours. Thank you to the parents who have been trialling this for us.

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.





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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.

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 parents who win on a very regular basis and continue 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.,

You can now view our uniform and try on garments for sizing at Sports World in Alnwick. Our uniform continues to be provided by <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/ellingham-c-of-e-primary-school.html> Serena Philipson kindly continues to store our second-hand uniform.

Katryna Shell has kindly agreed to take over the Chair of the PTA and we look forward to some new exciting fund-raising opportunities in the future.

Our plans for offering 2-year-old child care for a Thursday and Friday after Christmas are moving forward. We have filled most of our places, if you know anyone who is still interested, but not booked, ask them to speak to Kathy a.s.a.p.

We break up for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October and return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

