



PTA News and upcoming events for your diary

Hi everyone here are a few dates for your diary and some up to date news.



A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported the Easter Bingo night. We took a massive £703.05 on the night, our best turn out ever. A special mention and big thank you to Karen Taylor and Julia Savill for calling and checking, what a great night!

The cake stall also did well in the afternoon and raised around £80. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, scones, biscuits etc there was loads to choose from and even some alcoholic ones for the adults!! Also thanks to all the ladies who helped setting up and clearing away the cakes afterwards.

For those that were unaware the PTA donated £100 to Dom & Iris for their recent 5K run. We want to say a huge congratulations to them on their achievement.

Mrs Taylor and the class of Sparrows wrote to the PTA and asked us for some money towards a new playhouse for their garden. The PTA are happy to be able to purchase the item they wanted in full through money raised at our events that you have always fully supported so Thank you.

After reading the comments on some of the questionnaires and the response from the teachers we have decided to leave buying water bottles for the children and spending the money elsewhere. For those that want to take your child's water bottle home and wash it weekly you are more than welcome to. The general consensus was that it was one more thing for the children to bring home,lose,forget. Thank you to everyone who responded.

## Friday 9th June

After the success of raising £20,000 for the play equipment the children have decided they would like to have the playground painted with games and activities. Following the triumph that was Ellingham to the Eiffel tower sponsored run event 2 years ago we have decided to hold another sponsored run to generate money for the playground. This will be held throughout the day and more details will follow.Each child/family will be sent home with a sponsor form before May half term. Every child that enters will receive a medal for completing their distance. We need plenty of parent/carer volunteers to Marshall and help with running the event. If you feel able to help please speak to either myself or Becky. Refreshments will be provided for each child.

## Friday 23rd June Non-Uniform day

Please bring in £1 to help with buying sweets/chocolate for the stall at the summer sundown.

<u>Saturday 8th July</u> - Ellingham's Summer Sundown - For the second year running and after the success of last year we are having more of a social evening again with live music from Ebb Tide. The response from people was brilliant and we had some lovely comments about the evening and the band themselves who were more than happy to come and play again this year.

We will have the usual BBQ, Pimm's, Beer and Wine tent, bouncy castle and many other stalls with the big raffle drawn at the end of the evening (more details will follow nearer the time).

We can always do with more stall holders for this event so please if you can offer an hour or two to man one of our stalls we would be really grateful. Please come and see Becky or me in the playground, one of us is usually about.

If you have anything you are able to donate to our normal tombola please bring it into the school office. We always welcome bottles of wine for the Water and Wine stall and any items suitable for our Raffle.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who uses the clothing bank in the school car park. This generates extra money for the PTA to use at no extra cost. Please continue to use it and spread the word to family and friends where it is.



Thank you all for your continued support,

Em and Becky xx

Joint Chairs on behalf of Ellingham Primary School PTA