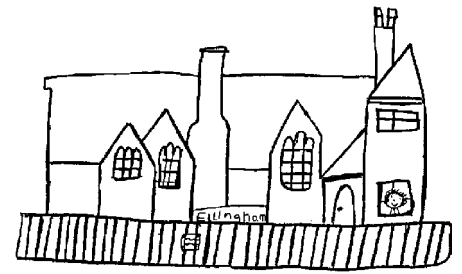


Newsletter

Friday 7th December



Ellingham VC Primary School

This will be the last newsletter of this term. The children have all been very busy practising for their Nativities and the carol concert. We still have lots happening before we break up so please check the diary dates below.

As well as being a joyous time of year, we are also sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Whyte. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best and we hope she enjoys having some time for herself and her family.



We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year!



Sparrows

Well done to the Sparrows who were all amazing in their Nativity this week. We hope you all enjoyed watching them, they have worked hard practising over the past few weeks.

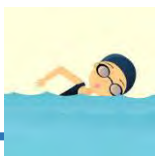
Litter Pick

The eco rangers responsible for litter, picked up 500g of rubbish during a litter pick last Tuesday. Please help to keep our school tidy by using the bins provided.



Swallows - Swimming

A reminder that Swallows start swimming again after the new year. We still haven't received all the consent forms back. Please return them ASAP.



Karate on Monday 14th January

Please note that the after school karate will be taking place during the lunch break on this Monday. It will resume to the normal after school times the week after.



Thank You

The Eco-Rangers would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our eco work this year. You have all given very generously and have made a difference to the world we live in. Mrs Long and Mrs Kenyon, along with the children put a lot of effort into eco work and we are proud of all the work they do.



Fashion Club

In the new year, Miss Taylor will be starting a lunchtime fashion club for years 5 and 6. A letter will be coming home next week to the children who are interested in taking part.

In order to run this club at no cost to parents, we would be really grateful of donations of any of the following items:

Scraps of fabric
Recyclable Materials
Old Clothes
Wrapping Paper
Magazines and Newspapers

Many thanks



Walking Bus

Despite the weather, the walking bus went ahead this week. We used the high viz jackets that were kindly supplied by Observatory Opticians in Beccles.

The walking bus will be running every Wednesday, meeting at 8.15am in the Olive Tree Car Park. We will operate every week, unless there are adverse weather conditions, in which case, a message via the Whatsapp group will be sent out.



Bikeability

Don't forget that the children in groups 2 and 3 have their Bikeability next week. You will need your bikes and helmets.



Menu Change

On the first two days back, there will be a menu change as follows:

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Margherita Pizza
with Jacket Potato Wedges with Peas and Sweetcorn

Or

Vegetarian Enchilada Bake
with Peas and Sweetcorn (v)

Vanilla Ice Cream Tub

Friday 4th January 2019

Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers
with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

Or

Spanish Omelette

with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)

Cornflake Krispie

They will also be changing the vegetables in the new year on some of the days.

Week 1

Tuesdays will be green beans

Thursdays will be peas

Week 2

Tuesdays will be sweetcorn

Wednesdays will be green beans

Week 3

Wednesdays will be carrots

Thursdays will be green beans

The People's Picnic

Please can you return your socks before next Friday, even if they are not yet filled. Many thanks.



PTA Christmas Fair

This was a huge success, thank you to all who donated items, helped on the day and those who came along to enjoy the fair. The PTA have raised £470, which will go towards buying new outdoor seating for the children.



End of Term Assembly

Please don't forget to come along to our end of term assembly at 2.30pm on Friday 14th December. All are welcome.

The PTA will also be drawing their raffle at the end of the assembly. There is still time for you to buy raffle tickets, but be quick!

Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival

We are very proud to announce that our Christmas tree won 1st prize at the Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival. The school received £25 which will go towards the eco rangers work. A huge thanks to Harvey Brothers Funeral Directors for not only sponsoring the tree, but giving all the children sweets for their hard work in making decorations. They have also very kindly let us have the tree and it is now on display in our library.



Following on from the 'Plastic isn't Fantastic' theme we have made a 'Plastic Pledge.' We have attached this to the newsletter and think it would be amazing if everyone could take this on board in the new year.

Soup Kitchen - Wednesday 5th December

Thank you to everyone who sent in vegetables for our soup kitchen. We are still collecting donations, please send them in to the school office, thank you.

Thank you to all who supported this, the soup went down a treat with both the children and the staff.



Last Day of Term

Please can we ask that you take home all of your children's belongings. This includes, wellies, trainers, PE kits and anything else they may have in school. Thank you.



Books For Schools

We are taking part in a promotion being run by the Archant group of newspapers. It will be a similar promotion to the Sports for Schools, whereby they will be issuing tokens which you can collect and hand in to school. Please ask your friends and families to help us collect the tokens. We could be in with the chance to win some books for our school.

There will be an extra ten tokens in both the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News on;

December

Saturday 8th

PTA

We would like to thank the PTA for all of their hard work this year. Not only have they organised events, cake stalls and refreshments, they are taking all the children to the pantomime on the last day of term. We really appreciate all of their hard work and the children will have an amazing last day of term. Thank you!



Wednesday 12th December - School Christmas Dinner Day



We have decided this year that we will support Alzheimer's Awareness - United Against Dementia. Children are invited to wear an elf hat in return for a donation for this charity. Please note that children may also still wear their Christmas jumpers on this day if they wish to.

If anyone would like to join the staff in donating towards the Alzheimer's Awareness Charity instead of sending Christmas Cards, please see Mrs Wood or Mrs Cave in the office.



Letters

Letters for after school clubs and music lessons have now all gone home. Please check your children's bag if you haven't received them. All letters are now on our website <http://www.ellinghamandwoodton.co.uk/ellingham/letters/>

You can download copies if you need to.

Poppy Appeal

We have received a thank you from the Poppy Appeal for collecting £33.53 from the sale of poppy items. Thank you to all who supported this charity.

Swimming Gala

We now have the results of the swimming gala, and we are pleased to announce that Dulcie King has qualified for the next round. The other children came very close with their times, it was all very close. Well done too all and a special well done to Dulcie.



KS2 Carol Concert - Friday 14th December

This will start at 6pm on Friday 14th December. Please do not arrive before 5.45pm.



Skylarks Nativity - Thursday 13th

December

We are looking forward to seeing you at 2.15 next Thursday. The children have been busy rehearsing and are excited about their performance.

The PTA will be serving teas and coffees half an hour before so please come along and enjoy a drink beforehand.

Collection Arrangements

Please remember to inform us if your child is going to be collected by someone other than normal. We cannot release children to people if we have not been notified of a change.

After School Clubs

KiddyCook and Football are now full.

NSPCC Assemblies and Non Uniform Day - Tuesday 8th January

The NSPCC will be coming in on Tuesday 8th January to deliver assemblies for the whole school and then conduct workshops for the years 5 and 6. We will also be having a non uniform day in exchange for £1, which will be donated to this charity. Please see the attached letter from the NSPCC for more information.

NSPCC

Dates for the Diary

Friday 7th December - Nasal Flu Vaccination for years R to 5 - Letters coming home today

Friday 7th December - Skylarks Trip to Norwich Castle (After Flu Vaccinations)

Sunday 9th December - Holy Communion - 11.00 at St. Mary's, Ellingham

Monday 10th December - Bikeability Group 2 Day 1, Y5 & 6

Tuesday 11th December - Bikeability Group 2 Day 2, Y5 & 6

Wednesday 12th December - School Christmas Lunch and Wear an Elf Hat for Alzheimer's Awareness - Christmas Jumpers may also be worn

Wednesday 12th December - Bikeability Group 3 Day 1, Y5 & 6

Thursday 13th December - Bikeability Group 3 Day 2, Y5 & 6

Thursday 13th December - 2.15pm - Skylarks Christmas Performance

Friday 14th December - End of term assembly - 2.30pm in the hall, all welcome

Friday 14th December - KS2 Carol Concert - 6.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Ellingham

Sunday 16th December - Carol Service - 16.00 at All Saints, Kirby Cane

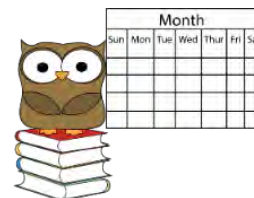
Tuesday 18th December - PTA taking whole school to Fisher Theatre Pantomime

Wednesday 19th December - Christmas Holidays

Sunday 23rd December - Morning Prayer - 10.00 at St. Mary's, Ellingham

Thursday 3rd January - First Day of the Spring term

Tuesday 8th January - Non Uniform Day and NSPCC Assemblies



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SOLLER TO SOLLER
AROUND THE ISLAND SUP CHALLENGE
JUNE 2018

THE PLASTIC PLEDGE

THIS NEW YEAR I TAKE THE PLEDGE
TO SAVE OUR PLANET FROM THE EDGE
I'LL SAY NO TO PLASTIC TO SET THE TONE
FOR BAGS AND BOTTLES I'LL BRING MY OWN
I WON'T BUY VEG AND FRUIT SEALED WITHIN
I'LL SLOW DOWN AND INSTEAD DINE IN
I'LL PACK A LUNCH AND BRING A CUP IF I GO FAR
I'LL STORE MY LEFT OVERS IN A JAR
AND INSTEAD OF STRAWS OR CUTLERY I'LL BIN OR LOSE
I'LL OPT FOR ONES I CAN REUSE
MUCH OF OUR PLASTIC ENDS UP AT SEA
MAKE A CHANGE AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

