

Ellington Primary News

Believe and Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new term! Although it doesn't feel like Summer is almost upon us, it is our third and final term of the academic year. You will today receive the curriculum overview for your child's class/es which will detail what they are learning about in school this half term.

Summer term is always a fantastic term where we are excited to see our pupils continue to grow and thrive both academically and personally. We have lots of events and trips planned and in this news bulletin, you will find updates on the latest school news, upcoming events, and important reminders to help you stay informed and engaged. We look forward to another positive term together!

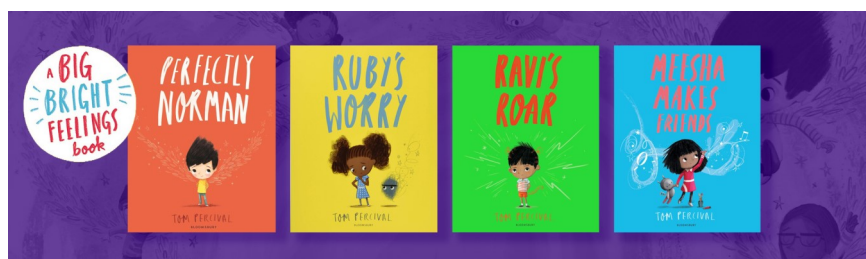
Book Swap Shop

This week we started a book swap shop. We have a number of books which the children can take home to read (in addition to their usual reading books) and then return to swap for another book. Children can also bring in their old books from home and swap these for different books. The idea being that the children can swap their old books for 'new' ones and read a wider range of books. We will have this set up on the school yard on a Tuesday and Thursday at home time - weather permitting (which is hasn't been!).



Book Recommendation—Mrs Dyer

“My favourite part of each day is getting to read stories with my daughter before bed. One of our most read is the ‘Big Bright Feelings’ series by Tom Percival. We started with ‘Ruby’s Worry’ and have enjoyed finding new ones at our local library. This series is the ideal starting point for discussions about mental and emotional health, positive self-image, building self-confidence and managing feelings, all in a child friendly way. We are looking forward to reading Tom’s latest book ‘Bea’s Bad Day’ due out in July!”



Punctuality

We have had a growing number of children arriving late for school recently. Lessons begin at 8:45am with the doors opening at 8:40am. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time every single day.

5 minutes late every day	=	3 days of school lost a year
10 minutes late every day	=	6.5 days of school lost a year
15 minutes late every day	=	10 days of school lost a year
20 minutes late every day	=	13 days of school lost a year
30 minutes late every day	=	19 days of school lost a year

Extra Curricular Clubs

We are very proud to offer such a wide breadth of extra-curricular clubs. We still have spaces left in some Summer clubs if your child would like to take part in any.

Easter Sports Camp

Following the success of the Easter Sports Camp, we plan to have a Summer Camp based at Ellington too. We will be working together with Active Futures Northumberland to provide these opportunities to children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Reverend Julia Lacey



We were delighted to welcome into school Reverend Julia Lacey for a whole school assembly today. Julia is going to be working closely with the school and we hope that going forward we will be able to use St Bartholomew's Church at Cresswell for some school celebrations and performances.



Sports Day / Summer Fair

We would like to remind you that this year we are combining Sports Day with our Summer Fair. Both will take place on Friday 28th June. Our sports activities will take place from 9:00 to 10:00 (EYFS) and Years 1 to 6 (10:15 - 12:00) with our Summer Fair taking place from 13:30 to 15:30. More details will be shared closer to the events, but please save the date!

Road Safety

We were delighted to see the installation of a new path outside school to allow safer crossing of Warkworth Drive. Can we politely ask that parents/carers do not park across this path? This is leading to pedestrians having to cross between parked vehicles which is very dangerous.

Cycling Safety

It is fantastic to see more children cycling and scooting to school! However, can we please ask that the children do not cycle or scoot before or after school on the yards. We have had a couple of near misses with adults and younger children.

Diary Dates

Bank Holiday	6th May
End of summer term 1	24th May
Return to school	3rd June
Sports Day AM /Summer Fair PM	28th June
Y6 Residential	5th–7th July
Summer term reports	12th July
End of summer term 2	19th July

Mr Hodgson—Headteacher