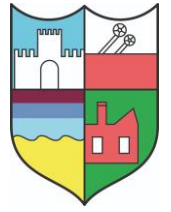




Ellington Primary School



24th November 2023

Christmas Events

Dear Parents/Carers,

Information has been shared in previous newsletters regarding upcoming Christmas events, however we have MORE events to inform you of now.

All events taking place this Christmas are free except for the **Pantomime** on December 4th. We have a performance of **Cinderella** coming to school for all children. School will subsidise the cost of the show but we are requesting a £3 donation per child to help cover the costs involved. We had three live performances come to Ellington last year and they were amazing experiences for the children, but we do need support due to the expense of shows. Payment can be made on School Gateway or by cash at the office.

We then have a **Christmas film night** on December 6th. Children can be collected as normal at home time but we will re-open our doors at 4:15pm for the Christmas film. This is a whole school event where children can leave after school and return in their pyjamas for a Christmas film. Children can bring a drink and snacks with them. We will have a selection of biscuits for children too. Children are to be collected at 6pm from their usual class doors.

On 8th December, it is **Christmas Jumper day**. The children can, if they wish, wear something 'Christmassy' that day. Instead of the usual £1 suggested donation, we will be having a cake sale this day to raise funds for Save the Children. This is being organised and run by the school council and they will share information with you in due course.

Nursery and Reception will be performing their Christmas show, **'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel'** on December 13th at 9:30am & 2pm. We have added a second show to allow as many parents/carers to attend as possible. Due to capacity restrictions we request that only 2 adults per child attend each performance.

Years One and Two will be performing their Christmas show, **'The Bethlehem Bake-off'** on December 14th & 15th at 9:30am. We have added a second show to allow as many parents/carers to attend as possible. Due to capacity restrictions we request that only 2 adults per child attend each date.

On 14th December, we are having a **Christmas Story night**. As with the film night, the children can be collected at their usual home time and return to school at 4:30pm in pyjamas (if they wish). We will share a range of Christmas stories and songs with the children in their classes. There will obviously be some Christmas treats too! Children are to be collected at 5:30pm from their usual class doors.

We are having our **Christmas dinner** on December 14th. Mrs Emery has asked that orders for this are placed on School Grid by Friday 1st December so that she can cater appropriately.

Class **Christmas parties** will take place during the last week as follows:

December 18th – Years 1/2 Party
December 19th – Nursery/Reception Party
December 20th – Years 5/6 Party
December 21st – Years 3/4 Party

Finally, we will be holding two **Carol Concerts** for children from Year 1 to Year 6 on December 21st & 22nd at 9:15am. Children will be singing a range of traditional Christmas carols as well as some festive favourites and we would love you to join us.

Please find attached a Christmas poster with all of the above information on.

Our PTA are again running **The Ellington Grand Raffle** this Christmas. Children will be given books of tickets to take home with them next week. If you could please return any completed stubs, cash and unsold tickets by Wednesday 20th December to the office, that would be brilliant.

We will draw the raffle at the Carol Concert on Friday 22nd December.

The prizes are:

1st Prize: £1000 Cash
2nd Prize: £250 Asda Voucher
3rd Prize: £100 Amazon Voucher

All money raised through the raffle goes directly back into school. This year, the money raised will be shared between Early Years outdoor equipment, new reading books for Upper Key Stage Two and subsidising all school trips in Spring and Summer terms.

Best Wishes,

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