



Ellington Primary News

Believe and Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed the festive break. Many children found the return to school on Tuesday difficult after the excitement of Christmas and the cold, dark, wet mornings don't help! However, they are now firmly settled back in their routines and excited for the weeks ahead.

As we start the new term, we encourage parents and carers to actively participate in their child's education and stay connected with the school by attending any school events. Your involvement plays a crucial role in creating a successful learning environment.

In addition to today's news bulletin, you will find curriculum maps for each class instead of a news entry. This map details what your child will be learning about this half term. On the school website, you can also find the long-term plan for your child's year group which shows what they will be learning during this academic year. Each subject that we teach in school also has its own page on the website, all of our curriculum information for Nursery up to Year 6 is available to read and/or download.

School Trips

As part of our curriculum offer, every class will be going on at least two school trips each year. This Spring term, all classes will have a trip out of school linked to their curriculum topic or a visitor come into school to deliver workshops.

Year 4 and Year 6 will be going on residential trips this year. Year 4 will visit Dukeshouse Wood on 25th March.

Year 6 are visiting Lockerbie Manor Activity Centre in Scotland on 5th July!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs begin on Monday 15th January. We have a wide range of clubs available again this term for children from Reception up to Year 6.

They include: Multi-sports, TT Rockstars, Gymnastics, Homework Arts & Crafts, and Football.

As the weather improves, we will have a greater selection of clubs in Summer term.

Safeguarding

At Ellington, we have four Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). Around school, you may see these posters:

After the Christmas break, we have noticed a significant increase in a number of our children wearing smart watches in school.

We know that mobile phones/smart watches can be a valuable and important resource for our children; we frequently discuss safe use of these devices, both in general and as part of our online safety lessons.

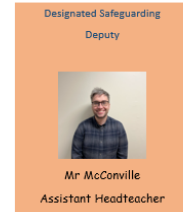
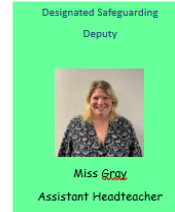
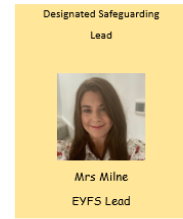
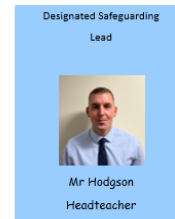
Despite the obvious distraction that these devices can pose, the majority of smart watches are internet and camera enabled and therefore present the same concerns as mobile phones in terms of safeguarding.

As per our uniform policy, we do not permit the use of smart watches in school. Children can wear a digital or analogue watch.

Please also note that electric scooters are not permitted in the school grounds.

We thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

Our Safeguarding Children Team



If you are concerned about a child please talk to us

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of a child, please do not hesitate in contacting any of the DSLs.

You can view our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy by clicking [here](#).

Attendance 09/01 - 12/01

Reception— 99.4%

Year 1—96.4%

Year 2—95.7%

Year 3—91.7%

Year 4—96.2%

Year 5—98.6%

Year 6—97.9%

Whole School—96.3%

Up from 94.9%

Mr Hodgson—Headteacher

Diary Dates

School Photos	12th February
End of spring term 1	16th February
Return to school	26th February
World Book Day	7th March
Parent Consultations	20th March
Y4 Residential	25th–27th March
End of spring term 2	28th March
Return to school	15th April
Bank Holiday	6th May
End of summer term 1	24th May
Return to school	3rd June
Sports Day	28th June
Summer term reports	12th July
End of summer term 2	19th July