



Ellington Primary News

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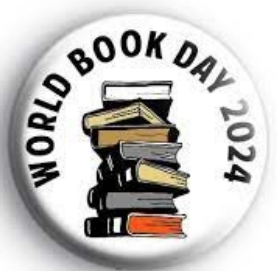
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 11th News Bulletin of the year, as we head into March with Spring on the horizon. This is a very short half term, consisting of just four weeks and four days before we break up for Easter. With having such limited time, we will be even busier than normal in school! In addition to this news bulletin, you will be emailed your child's Curriculum Map for the half term. You can find this, along with all of our curriculum information on the school website.

We were extremely saddened to lose a highly valued, incredibly popular and well respected member of our school community last half term. As a school, we are not only here for the children, we are here for you as parents/carers and also the wider community. If we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Parent Consultations

We are holding our Spring Parent Consultations on **Wednesday 20th March**. You can book your appointments via School Cloud (link below) from 12 midday on Monday 4th March. If your child is on the Special Educational Needs register and you would like additional time with your child's class teacher, please contact them direct via Class Dojo to arrange an alternative meeting.



It's that time of year again! World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024 and we would like to invite our children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. They will also receive a book voucher as well as taking part in book-themed activities throughout the day. Please do not buy anything new for this, if children do not want to dress up that is absolutely fine too.

Maths in Action

We would like to invite you into school on Monday 25th March to watch part of a Maths lesson. Following this, Mr McConville will give you a brief overview of Maths at Ellington. This year, we have introduced the Big Maths scheme of work and each lesson starts with a CLIC session, it would be fantastic if you could join us for this at 8:45am straight after drop-off.



Educational Visits

This half term, we have a number of educational visits taking place.

To mark our celebrating Ellington day, Years 4 and 5 visited Woodhorn Museum and other classes will be exploring the village.

On Monday 4th March, Years 1 and 2 are visiting the Discovery Museum.

Reception are visiting Whitehouse Farm later this month and Year 4 are going to Dukehouse Wood on a three-day, two night residential!

Unfortunately, Year 3's trip to Segedunum has been cancelled due to metal theft at Segedunum leading to a leaking roof and water damage. We hope to rearrange this for a later date.

As part of our enrichment curriculum, all classes from Reception to Year 6 have at least two visits per academic year.

Cresswell Tiddlers Group

Cresswell Tiddlers Group are a team of volunteers who meet every Tuesday at St. Bartholomew's Church, Cresswell, between 10:00am and 11:30am. Their aim is to provide a welcoming, friendly place for parents and carers to bring their babies and toddlers to learn, play and socialise together. Delyia Getty is the group leader and she would be delighted if you chose to take your baby or toddler along to join the group.

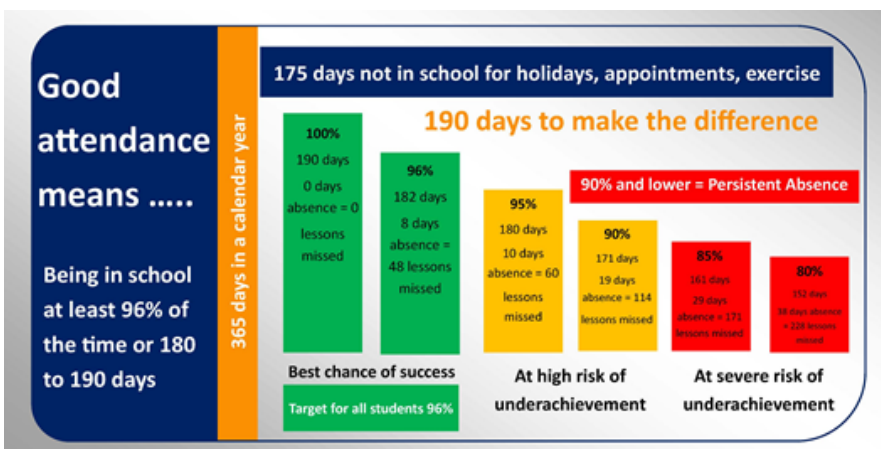
Comic Relief—Red Nose Day

To mark Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March, children can come to school wearing something red or in non-uniform in return for a donation going directly to help tackle poverty here in the UK and across the world.



Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for this academic year is 94.8%, below our target of 96%. Poor attendance leads to many difficulties in school. Please support your child in attending school, whenever they are well enough to do so. If you need any further support with attendance, please let us know.



Mr Hodgson—Headteacher

Attendance 15/01–26/01

Reception– 94%

Year 1–97.1%

Year 2–95.7%

Year 3–92.7%

Year 4–97.7%

Year 5–100%

Year 6–95.9%

Whole School–96%

Up from 95.6%

Diary Dates

Celebrating Ellington History	1st March
Year 1 & 2 Discovery Museum	4th March
Secondary Admissions Meeting	4th March (3pm–6:30pm)
World Book Day	7th March
The Selfish Giant Performance	13th March
Comic Relief–Red Nose Day	15th March
Science/Careers Week	18th– 22nd 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
Y6 Residential	5th–7th July
Summer term reports	12th July
End of summer term 2	19th July

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