



Ellingham CE Primary School **Friday Flyer**

26.06.26

Executive Headteacher Update

It is absolutely wonderful to be back at school following my recent absence. I have truly missed our school community, and it has been a joy to step straight back into the hustle and bustle of school life and see our pupils having so much fun with their learning.

I want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of both our pupils and staff for how brilliantly everyone has coped with the recent uncommon temperatures. It hasn't been our usual June weather, but the children have shown fantastic resilience and adapted beautifully. It was lovely seeing our nursery and reception pupils arriving at Embleton School for their beach school day yesterday. They were well-prepared for the weather and ready for fun.

By the time you read this, we would have had our pupil-led Summer Fair in aid of CHIPS (Children's Holistic Integrated palliative Care Service). The children have been working hard to lead on this, and it promises to be a fantastic fundraising event. We will also have gathered for our memorial tree planting, and bench dedication, in memory of Guy Brown.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to catching up with many of you at these upcoming events.

Warm regards,

Diane Lakey



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Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	100	94.5
Space Base	100	95
Earth Works	100	90.6
Time Zone	100	93.2

Did you know? Each pupil has 175 non-school days a year to spend however they like. The table below shows the significant impact of absence over time.

Days of school add up to lost learning						
Days in school	190	186	180	175	171	170
Percentage attendance	100%	98%	95%	92%	90%	<90%
	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Caution	Cause for concern	Serious concern

Absence Procedures If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

We have a continual focus on attendance and punctuality and this is of the utmost importance in your child's education. Please remember that our school gate closes at 8.55am as this is when our lessons begin. Anyone arriving after this time is classed as late and will miss valuable learning opportunities which take place immediately after registration, such as phonics.

What are the risks of missing a day of school?

'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.' The Education Hub - Department for Education



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Splash Class

We have made the most of the weather this week, and school has been cool and breezy allowing us to spend lots of time outdoors and enjoy ourselves in our shady playground. Our visit to the beach was a lovely day out and the children walked miles without complaining at all. We loved playing with starfish class from Embleton school, and joined in with all their fun activities. We especially enjoyed our lunch at the Golf Club, where we had chips! The children's behaviour was excellent as always and we all had a lovely day.





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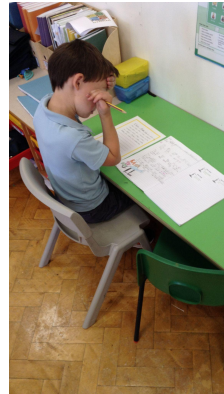
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Space Base Class

This week, Space Base have been enjoying the hot weather! We have made the most of the sunshine by taking our learning outdoors. The children have loved the opportunity to play with water and do some outdoor painting!

In addition, the children have designed their own fruit salads this week, thinking carefully about which fruits they like and dislike.

Finally, we have been using Scratch in our computing lessons. The children have been using the program to move their characters to different places on their screens and even create their own characters.





Key Stage Two: Time Zone and Earth Works

Time Zone went to Japan to explore a volcanic landscape as part of their geography topic. In order to get there and back before lunch, we visited using Google Street View. We went on a treasure hunt around the town of Gora before heading up to Hakone Volcano by cable car and investigating volcanic vents and hot springs. The children did a great job of navigating, and learned a lot about the geography of Japan and volcanic areas in the process.



In Time Zone Science, we investigated the effect of exercise on heart rate by taking our pulse before and after exercise.



In Earth Works' history, we explored the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae and acted as history detectives to investigate the diet of Neolithic people by looking at artefacts from an Orkney midden.



In Science, we completed our investigation into which liquids might cause damage to egg shells, as a model of tooth decay. The acidic liquids caused the most damage.





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Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th June, 1.30pm - this is a different date	KS2 Summer Fair and tree planting in memory of Guy Brown
Wednesday 1st July	Y6 DCHS transition day - parents organising transport
Friday 3rd July	Y5 Camping - a letter has been sent home
Tuesday 7th July	Sports Day 1.00pm (school transport will be cancelled)
Thursday 16th July	Leavers Service in school at 9.15.

After School Clubs

A form has gone out for clubs from September 2026. Please return it as soon as possible. If you haven't got a form and would like one, please ask Kathy.

As we get closer to the end of term please could you check your Parentmail accounts and make sure you are fully paid up. Lunches will continue to roll over weekly.

The criteria for benefit related Free School Lunches is changing from September 26 to include anyone on Universal Credit. If this applies to you, please speak to Kathy. R, Y1 and Y2 children continue to receive Universal Free School meals from the government.



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Stars of the week

Names:

Splash: Ted and George for excellent behaviour at the beach.

Space Base: Evelyn- For having the confidence to read and answer questions in maths independently.

Earth Works: Rose for writing an imaginative story very independently.

Time Zone: Showing fantastic endurance and independence during our volcano treasure hunt.

A letter has been sent to your Parentmail accounts regarding the flu immunisation next term. Please can you respond as per the instructions. Even if you don't want your child to have it please could you click on the link as it saves us chasing this up next term.

This week we have sent out tickets for you to sell for our annual Super Summer Raffle. Please send back any money or unsold tickets in time for us to sell them at sports day.

Oakley in Y5 has decided to walk to school to raise money for Great North Children's Hospital. This is an extraordinary challenge - he lives 16 miles away.

His epic walk will take him from home to school over 3 days, covering approximately 5.5 miles each day.

This is a charity close to our hearts and if you would like to sponsor Oakley please use this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/oakleywalkstoschool>



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