



ELLINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# Friends of Ellingham

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Friends of Ellingham!

Friends of Ellingham has been a successful, committed, hardworking P.T.A. for many years. During this time, we have equipped the school with many resources, including:

- Playground equipment
- Library Resources
- Pantos
- Workshops (theatre/dance)
- Subsidising school trips

We have provided extra- curricular activities for the children, such as discos and fairs and have organised cake sales (which raise funds for specific class projects). This not only raises money for the school to enhance our children's learning experience but also helps to build bonds within the school community.

As you may be aware there has been a complete change in the committee members in the last year or so, and in order for the new committee members to continue the fantastic work the Friends have done, we need the support of parents.

As parents, you are automatically members of the P.T.A. (together with all of the staff) and you may feel eager to join our committee.

The P.T.A. committee meet in a very informal way approximately once a term. The meetings last about 1 hour and serve the purpose of discussing events planned for the children.

Members have become friends over the years and enjoy sharing other news with each other as well.

You do not have to become a member of the committee to help out at any of the events. Just ask! We need your support in order to be successful!



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We are starting to organise the summer fair, and we haven't much time left! We think everyone will agree that the Christmas fair was greatly missed, especially by the children. In order for the summer fair to be a success, we are looking for volunteers to help with setting up or tidying up, coming forward with ideas or running a stall.

We will be available to speak to at Tea and See on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2pm, and on the evening of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the school hall from 8pm, refreshments will be available. Please do come along with your ideas.

If you cannot attend either of these, you can drop us a letter with any suggestions in the Friends of Ellingham mailbox in the school reception (next to the Office one).

If you do become a member of the committee, there is no obligation to attend every meeting, and minutes of the meeting can always be e-mailed to you.

The work of the Friends has helped the school flourish into the successful school that it has become. Please help us continue to go forward and support in any way that you can.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Vicky McHugh, Morgana Morton (Co-chairs)

Claire Safa (Vice chair)