

# Great Ellingham Primary News

## December 2020



### Dates for your diary

DEC	
Fri 18th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Party Lunch School closes for Christmas!
JAN	
Mon 4th	School reopens for the new year
FEB	
Fri 12th	School closes for half term
Mon 22nd	School reopens
MAR	
Sun 14th	Mother's Day
Fri 26th	School closes for Easter
APR	
Fri 2nd	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 5th	EASTER MONDAY
Mon 12th	School reopens for half term
MAY	
Mon 3rd	BANK HOLIDAY
JUN	
Mon 7th	School reopens for half term
Sun 20th	Father's Day
JUL	
Wed 21st	School closes for summer holidays

### Head's Headlines

Well, it's certainly been a roller coaster of a term so far, but we've finally made it to the Christmas holidays! Yippee!

I'd just like to say a huge thank you to everyone for helping us get through these strange times. I'm really proud to be a part of such a strong, caring school community, with everyone working together to get school life back to as close to normal as we can for all our children.

We've had to make a few changes to this year's Christmas festivities, but we've tried to keep some of our favourite traditions, while introducing a few new ones.

Book at Bedtime has gone virtual this year, with members of staff reading their favourite stories for you. They are all up on the school website and we hope you enjoy watching as much as we enjoyed making them.

The children have also been busy practising and recording their Christmas songs for you. No doubt you will have heard snippets as they sing them at home, but go to the website to hear the full versions. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

Don't forget your Christmas jumpers on Friday 18th December, with a £1 donation for Save the Children. We will also be having our Christmas party lunch that day, so the children will be full of festive fun by the time they come home!

Please try not to mix class bubbles after school, especially so close to the end of term and the start of the Christmas period. Please remember '**Wash hands, Cover face and Make space**'.

All that remains for me to say, is have a wonderful Christmas break and a lovely new year. Stay safe, and we will see you back with us on Monday 4th January 2021.

Kind regards, Julie Dekker



Please help us by periodically visiting the Ofsted website to leave your views on our school. There's a link on our website.



### POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Appeal local collector has sent a huge thank you to our school for our £315.47 donation.



To all our families, stay safe and enjoy the Christmas holidays. We'll see you back in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## Book at Bedtime is going virtual!

As with everything this year, Book at Bedtime is slightly different. Head over to the school website for recordings the teachers have made for you and your children to enjoy. We will be sharing our favourite Christmas stories, so get comfy in your jammies, grab your favourite cuddly toy and a cup of hot chocolate and join with us to get into the festive spirit.



## End of Term Coronavirus Advice for Schools

Saturday December 19th	Sunday December 20th	Monday December 21st	Tuesday December 22nd	Wednesday December 23rd	Thursday December 24th
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If you develop COVID symptoms on the 17th or 18th December and receive a positive test on any of the above days, please inform school via [head@greatellingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@greatellingham.norfolk.sch.uk) so we can inform relevant bubbles. This email address will be monitored between 10am and 2pm every day, up to and including 24th December.

If you receive a positive test after Christmas, the school does not need to be informed until the first day of term (Monday 4th January 2021).

This is in-line with new guidance from the government stating that we need to identify close contacts within 6 days of school finishing over the holidays.

Mrs Dekker and Mr Richards will be contactable again from Sunday 3rd January 2021.



## Friday 18th December

**Wear a Christmas jumper  
with your school uniform  
and bring £1 to help us  
support Save the Children.**