



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 23rd April 2018

Welcome back!

Welcome back! It is so wonderful to see all the children back in school and so eager to learn. This term we will be thinking about how we can embed a culture of excellence in everything we do. We want to make every child proud of what they achieve, empowering them with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to be successful learners. As you will have seen from the Topic Webs, the teachers have planned all sorts of exciting experiences for the children.

This term we will be holding regular briefing sessions, workshops and drop-ins to give you the chance to fully engage in your child's education, offering you the opportunity to ask questions and regularly see your children's work. Please see below for key dates that we have planned for the Summer Term.

We are hoping that you will also be joining us, as we come together as a community for Sports Day, the Y6 production and the annual Summer Fair, all of which promise to be wonderful events.

Tell us what you think!

We understand that good communication is a two-way street, therefore we have planned two parent/carer forums this term to offer you the opportunity to ask questions and give us feedback. Please look out for a more detailed letter with a return slip so that you can contribute agenda items.

Key Dates: 9am Friday 25th May
9am Friday 6th July



Team Work

Do you have a spare 30 minutes?

Parental/Carer participation is a key ingredient of successful schools. Please let the office know if you are available to offer any help. A regular 30mins a week can make all the difference. We are looking for volunteers to play maths games and hear children read. DBS checks and training will be given. Together we can improve the outcomes for all pupils at Ellingham.



Class Photos

Your class photos are ready!

Orders can be placed online, viewing instructions were sent home this week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Book Looks – come see what we are up to

We will not be sending the children's books home this Summer because we are keeping them as evidence of progress. We have therefore arranged two **Book Look Drop-ins** to give you the opportunity to see what your children have been doing in class.

2.30pm Thursday 24th May
2.30pm Monday 16th July



We will keep the books safely and pass them on to you in due course.

Extra-Curricular Club Information

Summer Term 2018 Clubs will begin in this week beginning Monday 23rd April 2018 and end on the week beginning of Monday 21st May 2018. Clubs will re-commence from week beginning Monday 4th June 2018 and will end on week beginning Monday 2nd July 2018.

The clubs run from the end of the school day until 4.15 pm



Get Ready For Homework!

Homework has started – help your child to get organised by finding a quiet space for them to work. Please encourage them to hand it in on time! When we work together we can make a difference!

Updates and Polite Reminders

Warm Weather Reminders:

It has been wonderful to have our first bit of warm weather this week. Please make sure that you send your children to school with a hat, water bottle and having pre-applied sun cream.



School Jumpers:

With the weather warming up, children are taking off their jumpers at playtime - please make sure that you have named all school jumpers and cardigans – the lost property box outside the school office is filling up again!!

Hairbands

Please make sure that all hairbands and clips are small and match school uniform.

Parking for drop off and pick up:

Where ever possible please try to walk to school to ease the congestion of vehicles at both entrances. This will make for happier drop offs and pick-ups. For those of you who have to drive, please remember that we have arranged for our families to use the Chessington Community College carpark and the St Catherine's Church car park for both drop off and pick up.



Lost and Damaged Reading Books

We are delighted that the children are enjoying the new reading books. Occasionally they get lost or damaged. Please be aware that we will be charging £6 for each book that needs to be replaced so please encourage your children to look after them. Thank you!

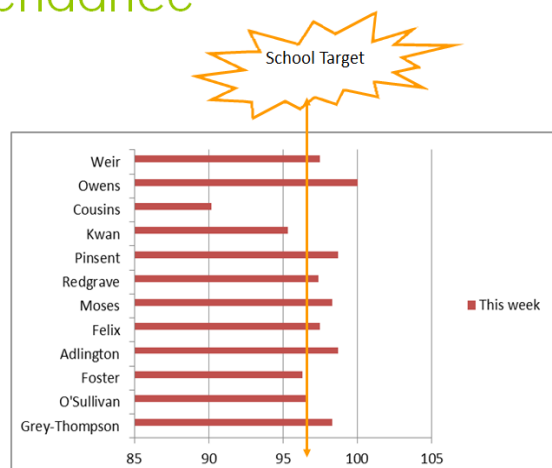
Leaving School Early

Please be aware that the children's learning continues until the end of the day and children who are collected early will be missing essential information and learning opportunities. Please try to avoid withdrawing them early for medical appointments unless it is absolutely essential

Summer Term Dates:

Mon 23rd Apr	Year 3 Felix Class Swimming starts Summer Term Clubs Commence Year 3 Cake Sale
Thu 26th Apr	PSHE Year 6 Parents Evening Felix Class - 3.30pm to 6pm Year 2 Sats Meeting for Parents – 3.30pm Year 6 Sats Meeting for Parents – 6.30pm Year 2 Cake Sale
Tue 8th May	Reception Class Assembly – 9.15am
Thu 10th May	Reception Trip to Chessington World of Adv
Fri 11th May	Year 6 SATs starts
Mon 14th May	Year 2 SATs starts
Thu 17th May	Year 1 Cake Sale
Mon 21st May	Parent Book Look – 2.30pm
Thu 24th May	Reading Workshop for Parents – 3.45pm
Mon 28th May	Summer Half Term Week
Mon 4th June	Year 5 Bikeability Week
Mon 11th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tue 12th June	Year 2 Trip to Littlehampton
Fri 15th June	Mufti Day
Mon 18th June	Nursery Cake Sale
Tue 19th June	Primary Festival of School Choirs – Rose Theatre Year 5 Parents Meeting regarding Year 6 Residential Trip
Thu 28th June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 9.15am
Mon 2nd July	Year 5 Drumming at the Rose Theatre - 2pm
Tue 3rd July	Year 5 Bikeability (Tues to Friday) Surrey Secondary School Transition Day New Parents Evening for Reception September 2018 Class – 6.30pm
Wed 4th July	Kingston Secondary School Transition Day New Reception Children Taster Day 9.30am
Fri 6th July	Summer Fair – 3.15pm Last day of Afterschool Clubs
Mon 9th July	Year 5 Taster Day at CCC
Tue 10th July	Governor's Awards – 4pm
Wed 11th July	New Reception Children Taster Day 1.30pm
Thu 12th July	Year 6 Class Assembly – 9am
Fri 13th July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration – 6pm
Mon 16th July	Parent Book Look – 2.30pm Reports going out
Wed 18th July	Sports Day at St Phillips Drop in Parents meeting re reports - 3.30pm
Fri 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 11am End of Summer Term – School closes at 1.15pm

Attendance



Reading Workshop

Thursday 24th May 3.45-4.45pm

Are you keen to help your child/ren read? We will be running a **repeat** of the successful reading workshop for families wanting to support their children at home. If you attended before and enjoyed it, please encourage others to attend. Prepare to be inspired!

House Point Update

Emerald	435	Sapphire	335
Topaz	370	Ruby	420