



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 30th April 2018

A Great Start!

Thank you for all the positive feedback on our new-look newsletter! Our aim is to give you lots of insights into what we are up to at school and what to expect over the coming weeks so that you can talk about school life with your children.

Last week our focus in assembly was personal challenges - ask your children what they are going to do to challenge themselves at school this week. Get them to think about the 'steps to success' that will help them achieve their challenges. A lot of children have been thinking about how to be more productive in lessons - their steps to success might be managing their distractions, listening carefully to instructions or asking more questions to secure their understanding.

This week we will be thinking about how children ask and answer questions in lessons. Miss Wells, our Literacy lead, will be going into lessons to see how children are getting on.

Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 to 2019

Autumn term 2018

- Monday 3rd September – **Inset day**
- Tuesday 4th September – **Inset day**
- Wednesday 5th September – Back to school
- Friday 19th October – End of term
- Monday 29th October – Back to school
- Friday 21st December – End of term

Spring term 2019

- Monday 7th January – **Inset day**
- Tuesday 8th January – Back to school
- Friday 15th February – End of term
- Monday 25th February – back to school
- Friday 5th April 2019 – End of term

Summer term 2019

- Tuesday 23rd April – **Inset day**
- Wednesday 24th April – Back to school
- Friday 24th May – End of term
- Monday 3rd June – Back to school
- Tuesday 23rd July – End of term

There is one more inset day to be booked – we are hoping to get a visiting speaker. We will inform you as soon as we have secured the date.

Every Lesson Counts

There have been a number of families who have been requesting permission to take their children out of school during term time. This will always be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Teachers plan the curriculum carefully making sure that the children are maximising their learning opportunities until the final lesson of the final day of each term. Missing out can put children at a significant disadvantage. Help us to keep everyone learning – keep your children in school!

We are the Champions!!!!



We are always proud to send children to represent the school at sporting events, however it is undeniably satisfying to win events!! Our Year 5 and 6 girls did us proud on Friday 20.04.2018 winning 1st place at the Tag Rugby tournament. The team showed enormous strength and resilience overcoming a couple defeats to bring the trophy home. Go girls!!!

Dancing the Night Away

Thank you to all the families who sent their children to the school disco last Friday - it was a great event and raised **over £500** - terrific!!



Class Photos Update

Orders can to be placed online until the end of this week. The first delivery is due to arrive during the week beginning Monday 14th May.

Updates and Polite Reminders

Head lice

Please tie your children's hair back to reduce the spread of head lice. If you are finding them hard to shift, please speak to the school office.

Water Bottles

We are always looking at ways that we can be more environmentally friendly. After watching Blue Planet the staff are keen to reduce the plastic waste at school. You can help us do this by making sure that your child comes to school with a clearly named re-fillable plastic bottle. After the bank holiday plastic cups will no longer be available for the children to use.



Email Contacts

If you are hear parents mentioning that they are not getting communications from school please encourage them to pop into the school office to check that we have the correct details for them. Good communication is key in good schools!

Request - help Year 1 get messy!

Do you have any old work shirts at home? Please send them in to the office marked 'Year 1 painting shirts' so that our Year 1 children can discover their artistic talents without ruining their uniforms!

Spare PE kit

If your child has borrowed PE kit, can you please return it to school as soon as possible. We are running low! If you have any old PE kit that you no longer need and would like to donate it to school, it will be gratefully received! Please send it to the school office marked 'Spare PE kit'. Many thanks!

Sports day and Whole School Family Picnic

18th July

10.00 - 11:30 - Foundation stage & KS1 children (Reception, Y1 and Y2)

11:30 - 12:30 - Picnic lunch (Ellingham- all year groups)

12:30 - 2.00 - KS2 children (Y3/4/5/6)



The sports events will be held on St Philip's field. We will return to school to have a family picnic lunch. Please note, all children will be expected to stay at school until the end of the school day.

KS1 - 3.05pm

KS2 - 3.15pm

Summer Term Dates:

W/C 8 th May	Year 5 Fundraising
Thu 10 th May	Reception Class Assembly – 9.15am
Fri 11 th May	Reception Trip to Chessington World of Adv
W/C 14 th May	Reception Fundraising
Mon 14 th May	Year 6 SATs starts
Thu 17 th May	Year 2 SATs starts
W/C 21 st May	Year 3 Fundraising
Thu 24 th May	Parent Book Look – 2.30pm
	Reading Workshop for Parents – 3.45pm
Fri 25 th May	Mufti Day
Mon 28 th May	Summer Half Term Week
W/C 4 th June	Year 2 Fundraising
Mon 4 th June	Year 5 Bikeability Week
Mon 11 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tue 12 th June	Year 2 Trip to Littlehampton
Fri 15 th June	Mufti Day
W/C 18 th June	Year 1 Fundraising
Tue 19 th June	Primary Festival of School Choirs – Rose Theatre
	Year 5 Parents Meeting regarding Year 6 Residential Trip
Thu 28 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 9.15am
Fri 29 th June	Mufti Day
Mon 2 nd July	Year 5 Drumming at the Rose Theatre - 2pm
Tue 3 rd July	Year 5 Bikeability (Tues to Friday)
	Surrey Secondary School Transition Day
	New Parents Evening for Reception September 2018 Class – 6.30pm
Wed 4 th July	Kingston Secondary School Transition Day
	New Reception Children Taster Day 9.30am
Fri 6 th July	Summer Fair – 3.15pm
	Last day of Afterschool Clubs
Mon 9 th July	Year 5 Taster Day at CCC
Tue 10 th July	Governor's Awards – 4pm
Wed 11 th July	New Reception Children Taster Day 1.30pm
Thu 12 th July	Year 6 Class Assembly – 9am
Fri 13 th July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration – 6pm
Mon 16 th July	Parent Book Look – 2.30pm
	Reports going out
Wed 18 th July	Sports Day at St Phillips
	Drop in Parents meeting re reports - 3.30pm
Fri 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 11am
	End of Summer Term – School closes at 1.15pm

(W/C – Week Commencing)

Save the date!

Summer Fair

The summer fair will be upon us before we know it! Please help by signing up for a 30 minute slot to help with your year group stall. Look out for volunteer sign ups before half term.

Calling all Gardeners

We are keen to smarten up the school grounds. Please help us to do this by either donating bedding plants or joining us on a gardening day on Friday 1st June (last Friday of the half term break). No previous gardening experience required! More details to follow!

House Point Update

Emerald	215	Sapphire	285
Topaz	135	Ruby	420