



# Ellingham Primary School

## Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Walking towards Success



We are constantly thinking of ways to ensure that Ellingham children make progress and are happy at school. There are lots of studies that show that children learn better immediately following exercise. This is because the increased neurotransmitter activity stimulated by exercise improves long term memory and attention. Why not try giving your child a head-start by walking to school? If you already walk, see if you can speed up a little to get their pulse going. Time yourselves, can you beat your personal best? If you need to drive, try parking a few streets away and have a brisk walk to the school gate. Making exercise part of your daily routine could make all the difference not only to their physical health, their academic performance but also their emotional wellbeing. Exercise is key to reducing anxiety through serotonin production (the happy hormone) which controls the production of the stress hormones. It seems like a simple win-win! Give it a try and let us know how you get on.



### Learning is for Life



**Do you ever wish you had a Second Chance to get your GCSE English – for FREE?**

We are teaming up with CCC to give you just that chance. We understand that sometimes life takes over when you are a teenager and opportunities are missed. As parents and carers, we know that seeing your young children learning can sometimes inspire you and make you reflect on your own education. We are really keen to support parents and carers who want to re-sit their GCSE English. The classes will be small and well supported. The sessions will take place at Ellingham and be taught by CCC teachers (including Mr Ash, the headteacher). Interested? Come to a no obligation briefing on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm** to meet the tutors and find out more. Just imagine how impressed your children will be and the impact this will have on their learning. You will be an inspiration to them!

### Cream up on these sunny days!



Please make sure that you put sun cream on your children **before** they come to school every day. The sun is very strong at this time of year. Help us to keep your child safe.

### Sporting Success



On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, eight of our talented Year 1 children tested their football skills at the Kingston Football Festival held at CCC. They did us proud – not only did they win five of their six games, they also demonstrated great sportsmanship. They helped children from other schools if they were hurt during the game and they all made sure they shook their opponent's hands and congratulated them on a job well done at the end of each match. They were a real credit to Ellingham, their teachers and their families. We were extremely impressed by their mature attitude and application of skills when playing under pressure. Thank you to all the staff who have nurtured and coached this little team to their success - congratulations Theo, Dylon, Anabel, Harrison, Zayne, Samuel, Noah and Luca. Go Ellingham!

### Updates and Polite Reminders

#### Apologies – parking error in first newsletter!

Please note that there was an error in the first newsletter this term – parents are only allowed to park in the church carpark for special events not on a daily basis! Apologies to anyone who has been negatively effected by this mis-information.

#### Water Bottles

Thank you to all the parents who have given their children a water bottle recently – we have really noticed a reduction in the number of plastic cups being used. We are keen to keep the children hydrated in this hot weather but not at a cost to the planet. Please note, teachers will be regularly sending the bottles home so that they can be washed out and returned. Thank you for your support with this.



#### All KS1/EYFS children must be dropped off by an adult

Please support us in keeping your children safe – it is essential that all of the children in the lower school are dropped off and picked up by an adult. KS2 children need to be in class and can only drop off a sibling if the sibling is in Y3 or above. Thank you.

### Calling all Gardeners



We really want your children to feel excited about coming in to school after half term and experience the 'wow' of seeing their school looking colourful and beautiful.

Thank you to the parents who have started signing up to help us smarten up the school grounds. There is a lot to do so please, please look at what you are up to on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June (last Friday of the half term break) and come and join us – even if you can only make it for an hour! It all helps! No previous gardening experience required just a willingness to get your hands dirty and have some fun.

During the last week of this half term, the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> May, we will also be asking parents to donate colourful bedding plants that we can use to fill up the empty beds and borders. Please drop off any donations at the school office.

Thank you!

### Wanting to get organised for the Summer Holidays?



Please be aware that Mr Collins and Mr Johnson will be running a summer sports camp on 28.05.2018. Details and booking information will be sent out before half term.

The school will be running sports camps during the six week summer holiday (dates to follow) however, we will not be running any additional camps during the summer holiday. We are in discussions with other schools in the area to look at what we might provide in the future.

To find out more about summer camps being run across Kingston during the 6 week break, check out <https://www.netmums.com/kingston/local/view/childcare/holiday-schemes>

Also, take a look at the websites for YMCA Kingston, Rainbow Leisure centre, Albany Sailing Club and The Kings Centre, Chessington, for further club information.

### Want to share your thoughts?

Email the school office, make an appointment to see a member of staff or come to the next Parents' Forum – **9am Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We care what you think!**

### Dates for next two weeks:

- Thu 10<sup>th</sup> May** Reception Class Assembly – 9.15
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May** Reception Trip to Chessington World of Adventures
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May** Year 5 Cake Sale – 3.00 pm
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May** **Year 6 SATs starts**
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May** Reception Cake Sale – 3.00 pm
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> May** **Year 2 SATs starts**



### Mufti Days supporting the Summer Fair

Our brilliant team of FoE volunteers are already getting busy organising a fabulous summer fair for us all to enjoy. Please do your bit by sending in the following items on the upcoming mufti days.

- 25<sup>th</sup> May** – bottles
- 15<sup>th</sup> June** – sweets
- 29<sup>th</sup> June** – bottles



**Together we can make the fair a success!**

### House Point Update

Emerald	290	Sapphire	250
Topaz	170	Ruby	545