



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 4th June 2018

Welcome Back!

What a great start to the term having the playground tidied up and looking beautiful! Thank you so much to all the parents, carers and staff who gave up their own time during half term to sweep, weed and plant – the results are terrific! We were overwhelmed by the generosity of those who donated plants. Thank you! This development of community spirit is symbolic of the changes taking place across the school. Through enormous effort and excellent team-work we are pulling together to make a real difference to all aspects of your children's time at Ellingham. This week the Year 1 and Year 2 children will be given the opportunity to write a letter to apply for the role of 'School Gardeners'. This will involve watering, weeding and 'deadheading' all of our newly planted areas. The gardener role will give the children the chance to develop their gardening skills whilst giving them the opportunity to actively make a contribution to the school community – it is an excellent opportunity to develop life skills!

BEFORE



AFTER



The planting is just the beginning – we are building a team of volunteers in Year 5 to help younger children with reading and maths games and piloting Play Leaders in Year 6. These children will help younger children to have positive, happy playtimes.

Together we are stronger!

Dates for this Half Term:

Tue 5 th June	Year 5 Bikeability (Tue to Fri)
Mon 11 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tue 12 th June	Year 2 Trip to Littlehampton
Fri 15 th June	Mufti Day - Sweets
Tue 19 th June	Primary Festival of School Choirs Year 5 Parents Meeting regarding Year 6 Residential Trip
Tue 26 th June	Reading Volunteer Session – 2.30pm
Thu 28 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 9.15am New to Nursery Meeting – 6.30pm
Fri 29 th June	Mufti Day - Bottles
Mon 2 nd July	Year 5 Drumming at Rose Theatre - 2pm
Tue 3 rd July	Year 5 Bikeability (Tue to Fri) Surrey Secondary School Transition Day New to Reception - Parents Evening September 2018 Intake - 6.30pm
Wed 4 th July	Kingston Secondary School Transition Day New to Reception Taster Day - 9.30am
Fri 6 th July	Parent/Carer Forum – 9am 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 to Reception 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 home
Wed 18 th July	Sports Day at St Phillips. Drop in Parents meet re reports - 3.30pm
Fri 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 11am End of Term - School Closes - 1.15pm

Updates and Polite Reminders

Cash Free School – Please remember that we are a cash free school. All payments should be made via Parentpay. If you need any support with this, please come to the school office. We are happy to help! Thank you.

REMINDER



Bikeability – If your child is in Year 5 and interested in achieving their Level 1 and Level 2 Cycling Proficiency sign them up for one of the upcoming courses. Remember, they will need to bring their own bike and wear a helmet. The sessions are run in groups of 8 and places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

House Point Update

Emerald	175	Sapphire	160
Topaz	165	Ruby	210

The beginning of a new term is always a good time to get your children to think about how they might make a difference to their team's house point count. Get them to think about acts of kindness they can demonstrate around the school.

Thinking of being a Reading Volunteer?

Come and find out what it involves

Tuesday 26th June

2.30pm

Our Literacy Lead, Anna Wells, will be running a session for parents and carers interested in joining our team of reading volunteers. We know that regular practise can make all the difference to children's confidence and enjoyment when learning to read and helps accelerate the progress they make. By offering just 45mins a week you could make all the difference to our young community of readers. Look out for the letter inviting people to sign up.



Website of the Week



<http://mathematicshed.com/>



Have you ever thought about using Lego to inspire activities? Try this simple game from the Mathematicshed.com website:

<http://www.mathematicshed.com/uploads/1/2/5/7/12572836/legotowergame.pdf>

Just cut and paste the link and print it off. EYFS and KS1 children will enjoy playing this game whilst developing their turn taking and number skills.

KS2 children might enjoy playing this game with a younger friend or sibling. Alternatively, they could redesign it for someone of their own age - try introducing ratio and proportion challenges...go on, have a go!

Enjoy!



Parent/Carer Forum



If you have any ideas or observations you would like to share with us please come to the next Parent/Carer Forum Meeting

9am Friday 6th July

We had a great turn out last week let's see if we can double it next time! Minutes for the meeting are available on the school website or hard copy from the school office.

Please start sending in your ideas now – we are keen to hear what you have to say and work with you to see the school go from strength to strength.