



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 21st May 2018

Well Done Year 6!

Last week was a big week for Year 6 – they were in at 8.15am every day to have breakfast and get ready for their SATs exams. Every member of Year 6 showed maturity and focus as they sat their tests. They all tried their best and made us really proud. Now the preparations start for the Year 6 production and their micro society business projects. A perfect conclusion to a busy year. We are looking forward to sharing the outcomes of your hard work!

Dates for Next Two Weeks:

- Mon 21st May** Year 2 SATs start
Thu 24th May Parent Book Look – 2.30pm
Reading Workshop for Parents
GCSE Information Meeting – 5.30pm
Friday 25th May **Parent Forum Meeting** – 9am
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Mon 28th May **Summer Half Term Week**
Friday 1st June Family Gardening Day
Mon 4th June **Back to school**



Reception 'Street Party' Celebrating the Royal Wedding



Our wonderful Reception classes really got into the spirit of the Royal Wedding celebrations on Friday afternoon after organising a terrific street party. They designed and wore crowns so that they could get into the spirit of the occasion. Mrs Fairweather, Mr Hutchings and Miss Newton were all delighted to have been invited – thank you Reception Team, the handwritten invitations were really impressive!



Final call Reading Workshop Sign up now!!

There are still places left for parents and carers interested in attending the reading workshop

3.45-4.45pm on Thursday 24th May

Places are still available at the free creche – please go to the office if you want to book a space. Children under 5yrs old will be cared for in the nursery. Children 5 years and over will be cared for in Thompson class.

More Inspirational Science!

For the last three weeks, O'Sullivan Class have had some very special visitors in their class! The children have been nurturing four caterpillars and learning all about how they become beautiful butterflies! They now have lots of knowledge on the life cycle of a butterfly and how much a caterpillar goes through to get it's wings. Last Friday, the butterflies were released and have found a new home in our wonderful Ellingham grounds.



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. Thank you



Parent Book-Look

Come in and see what your children have been up to.

Thursday 24th May - 2.30 - 3.30pm

Website of the Week



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

This is a great game to support your child with the development of number fluency when recalling number facts and times tables. Children love this one-minute timed challenge and are motivated to beat their score.

If you have children in KS1 encourage them to practise their number bonds, there are various levels to challenge all abilities.

If you have children in KS2 direct them to the times table and division practise. Y6, if you are looking for a challenge, why not try square numbers?

Enjoy!

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOPS TAKING PLACE DURING THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY, THEMED ON MYTHS & MAGIC

Art & Soul is an arts and wellbeing charity based in Orleans House Gallery, Twickenham, and is well worth a visit.

<https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/learning/children-families/children/>

Art & Soul's 20th anniversary exhibition Kaleidoscope at Orleans House Gallery, Twickenham:

Explore the shapes, forms and colours of kaleidoscopes during this wonderful event.

Orleans House Gallery's Coach House, Riverside, Twickenham, TW1 5DJ.



Gardeners



If you are planning on coming to help with the gardening on Friday 1st June please bring gardening gloves to protect your hands and any tools which might help us complete the job quickly:

- outside brooms/rakes to sweep up the leaves
- trowels for digging and planting
- old rubble bags for weeds and dead leaves
- Bedding plants
- Watering cans

Please name your tools so that they can be returned to you at the end of the event.

Please wear sensible shoes that will protect your feet and hope for good weather.

Please note: All children that come to help must be supervised by their parents and carers. The school will not be responsible for any children attending this event.



Mystery Bird Update



The budding group of scientists have spent all week hypothesising and researching in their own time to find answers to their questions. They investigated eggs and the types of local birds that might be nesting.

Following their research, they have come up with three theories about what might have happened – either a crow attacked the nest and threw out the eggs, squirrels knocked the egg out whilst playing in the tree or possibly a magpie emptied the nest whilst looking for a new home. All possibilities. Excellent research.

House Point Update

Emerald	140	Sapphire	200
Topaz	175	Ruby	190

Talk to your children and get them to think about what they might do to secure a victory for their house. All the staff will be looking out for hard workers, good manners and acts of kindness that deserve recognition by house points.

THIS WEEK - PLANT DONATIONS

Please remember to start bringing in bedding plant donations for our gardening day – drop off at the office.

Parents' Forum – Friday 25th May – 9am

Agenda items are coming in – come and hear what the school has to say. If you would like to add something to the agenda email the **school office by Thursday 9am.**