

Ellingham Primary School

Wednesday 4th July 2018

Ellingham's Got Talent!

During assembly over the past few weeks, the children have been learning about hidden skills and how we all have a talent within us. Last Monday, the children found out about the staff's secret hobbies by guessing which pair of shoes belonged to them. On Wednesday and Thursday we were celebrating the World Cup and inviting the children to show us their fantastic football skills. This week we have been asking the children to consider their dreams and ambitions for the future and how school might help them achieve these goals. Parents and carers should be really proud of the children's aspirations for themselves, they are impressive!

Dates for Next Two Weeks:



Tuesday 3rd July – Transition day for Surrey Secondary schools
Wednesday 4th July – Whole school transition day and Kingston secondary schools
Friday 6th July at 9am – Parents Forum
Friday 6th July at 3:15pm – Summer fair
Wednesday 11th July at 1.30-2.45pm - Whole school transition day
Thursday 12th July – Year 6 show
Friday 13th July – INSET DAY
Friday 13th July – Y6 Leavers Party

Ellingham Sports Superstars!

We have had another week of fantastic sporting achievements for our Ellingham children. The Year 5 boys had a great time at the Kwik Cricket tournament, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals. The Year 2 boys posted a fantastic set of results in their football tournament last week, winning 3 games and drawing 1. The World Cup is already in their sights! Finally, some of our children participated in a Sports Day run by The Weir Academy. Events included a running race, javelin, long jump, relay and shot put. One of our children was very lucky to meet David Weir himself and swap wheelchair tips! Well done to all of our sports superstars, we are very proud of you.



Timetable change!



Thank you for your support and feedback whilst we trial the new timetable arrangements. Please make sure that you make your views about the change known by completing the slip at the end of the letter sent out a couple of week ago – copies can be picked up from the office.

Deadline for responses: **Thursday 12th July.**

Ellingham Gardener Update!

The Year 2 children have had a busy week tending to the plants around the school grounds. They have been watering the flowers and keeping them healthy in this recent hot weather. Thank you for helping to keep our school looking lovely!



Win £5000 worth of books for our school library!



National Book Tokens are running a competition for one school to win £5000 worth of books for their school library. This is a fantastic opportunity for our library to be stocked full of lovely new books to inspire our children. To enter takes 2 minutes – simply go to this website to vote www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools
 The more people that enter, the more chances we get!
 The closing date is the **31st July** – please spread the word and encourage people to vote for Ellingham!



Updates and Polite Reminders

Sports Day/Family picnic

The Ellingham family picnic will be held this year on the same day as Sports Day – **Wednesday 18th July**. KS1 children will do their Sports Day on St Philip's school field in the morning, return to Ellingham for the family picnic and then back to St Philip's with KS2 for their afternoon sports events.

Water bottles

As we continue to have warm weather, please make sure children come to school with a named water bottle, so they can keep hydrated throughout the day. Children are not allowed to have fizzy or flavoured water in their bottle- tap water only please.

Parent/Carer Forum

We have another Parent/Carer Forum this Friday – send agenda items to the office and then come to the meeting to hear what we have to say and have your say. Together, if we work as a team, we can make Ellingham amazing!

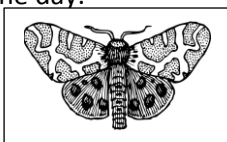
Summer Fair

Friends of Ellingham are still needing help running stalls at the summer fair this Friday. If you can spare 20mins helping on a stall, it will make all the difference to making the event a success for everyone. Sign up sheets are outside the front of school every morning. Please do your bit!



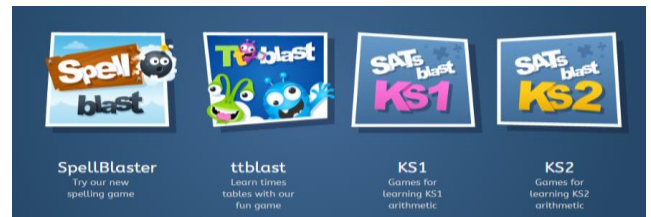
Thank you!

A big thank you to our parents and children for their co-operation whilst we dealt with the unexpected visitors in our playground last week. The moths were cleared away by a team of professionals and the children were able to enjoy the playground again the next day. All our pupils showed fantastic behaviour and flexibility with the changes to the day.



Maths Website of the Week

<https://www.j2e.com/j2blast>



This is a fantastic website to develop quick-fire maths skills. Use **ttblast** to practise your times tables, select from level 1-20. **SATs blast** provides hundreds of arithmetic questions for your key stage. You can select from a range of maths areas including; addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. Having trouble learning your spellings? Have a go at **SpellBlaster** – this is an excellent resource that will help your child learn the Common Exception Words.

Impressive Reading Response

Thank you to the terrific team of parents and carers who turned up to receive the reading training last week. It will make such a difference to the children next term.

Year 4 Maths Challenge Group

At Ellingham, we are keen to ensure all children are challenged and motivated to learn in order to nurture their potential. We have been lucky enough to secure some sessions with one of CCC's specialist mathematics teachers to work with a group of 11 keen mathematicians from Y4. The children loved their first session in which they investigated squared and prime numbers. They also explored shape and managed to turn one ring of paper into two linked hoops. We are looking forward to hearing about what they do in their future sessions. It is wonderful seeing them enjoying the beauty of maths.



House Point Update

Emerald	285	Sapphire	310
Topaz	295	Ruby	180

As the year is coming to an end please talk to your children and get them to think about what they might do to secure the final victory for their house.