



# Ellingham Primary School

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Looking forward to Next Year



On Wednesday the children had their first transition day and enjoyed a morning in their new classroom. They met their new teachers and started to think about what they can do to make next year great. They will be meeting again this Wednesday afternoon. We are delighted that the new staff have been able to join us for at least one of these transition sessions. Photographs of all the new staff will be shared as soon as they are available.

As you plan for next year, please can you make sure that your children are wearing the correct uniform, including appropriate school shoes. We want to start as we mean to go on - smart and ready to learn!

### Dates for Next Two Weeks:



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Governor awards

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Transition afternoon

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Performance

This is a ticketed event for the family and friends of Y6 children.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Inset day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 leavers party

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Final Book-look for parents and carers (2.30-3.30pm)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Optional Parent/carer meeting. Booking available from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July (3.30-6pm)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – End of term – 1.15pm



### Hot Weather



Please make sure that you apply plenty of sun cream, provide your children with a hat and named water bottle that can be re-filled throughout the day. We are aware that the playground is sweltering - we are doing what we can to keep children out of direct sunlight and give them opportunities to cool down in the air-conditioned library. Gazebos have been ordered and should arrive this week. In the meantime, if anyone has a pop-up gazebo with foot weights they are willing to lend to the school that would be amazing. The sooner we can create shade the better. Please clearly name your gazebo before dropping it off at the school office. Thank you for your support with this.

### London Youth Games

#### Europe's Largest Annual Youth Sports Event

We are really proud of our Y3/4 tennis team: Isabel, Jack, Morgan and Francesca, who represented Kingston at the London Youth games - a massive achievement in itself! Each player played at least 8 matches, an astonishing amount, and faced some serious competition along the way! They showed grit and determination and an impressive attitude to the whole event, planning to 'convert nerves into power!' We could all learn from this advice!



### Book Look Afternoon 16<sup>th</sup> July – 2.30pm

**Please note:** The children's books will not be sent home at the end of the school year – we will keep them safely and return them to you in due course.

Parents and carers are invited to come and see their children's books during a Book Look Afternoon. This session is an opportunity to sit with your child and see how hard your child has worked this year and celebrate their achievements.

## Updates and Polite Reminders



### Sports Day

Please make sure that your children come to school with suncream on ready to be outside all morning/afternoon. Children can wear their normal PE shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Remember to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house (red, green, yellow or blue). If you are unsure of your child's house colour, please ask their teacher.



### Reading Volunteers

An impressive 12 people turned up to be trained to be part of our army of readers next term. Thank you for your support and for doing your bit to make a difference to the children of Ellingham.

### Old Games Needed



In September we hope to introduce play leaders: older children who can support the younger children playing these quieter games, acting as good role models. We are looking for donations of games that can be enjoyed by the children. Please only send in games that can be played in less than 40 minutes.



### Parking

Please be aware that Kingston parking patrols will be monitoring parents and carers parking at both school gates and will be issuing tickets to those who are ignoring parking restrictions and creating a dangerous environment for children arriving and leaving school. Please help us to keep your children safe!

### Trial timetable update



A quick reminder that the deadline for responses to the timetable consultation are due on the 12th July.

We are keen to hear your feedback.

In the interim we shall continue to greet the children in the playground at 8.40am to ensure continuity of routines so close to the end of term.

The final decision from the timetable consultation will be shared on 16th July so that families know what to expect for September.

Thank you for your support.

### Website of the Week [nrnich.maths.org](http://nrnich.maths.org)



This is a wonderful website full of mathematical challenges which will get you thinking. Take a look at the problem and work together to find solutions. Developing mathematical talk is key to developing mathematical thinking.

**Example Problem for KS1:** Sophie started writing some of the counting numbers in order. She got tired and stopped for a rest after writing seventeen **digits**. What was the last number she wrote?

She carried on until she got all the way up to the **number** 20. How many digits has she written altogether now?

Can you find a way to work this out without writing the counting numbers yourself?

### Diary dates for Autumn Term

We are keen to keep parents and carers informed and work as a team to make sure that the children are happy at school and make good progress. We are currently organising dates for the Autumn term, a comprehensive list of dates will go out during the first week. In the meantime, please can you please save the date for the following events:

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** - Welcome to Y1 Briefing for parents/carers
- September 19<sup>th</sup>** - Parent/carer e-safety briefing (6.30PM)
- September 20<sup>th</sup>** - Year 6 Briefing (6.30pm)
- September 28<sup>th</sup>** - Parent/carer Forum (9am)
- October 4<sup>th</sup>** - Reading workshop (6.30pm)

In addition there will be maths workshops and meet the teacher sessions for parents and carers – dates to be confirmed.

### House Point Update

Emerald	285	Sapphire	180
Topaz	130	Ruby	280

It is nearly the end of the year when the grand total will be collated and a team will win the House Cup. Now is the time to make a special effort to do your bit for your house. Set yourself a goal and strive to achieve it! Anyone who can solve the maths problem above and show it to Mrs Fairweather will get a house point!