



# Ellingham Primary School

## Monday 10th September 2018



Welcome Back!



I wanted to thank the children for making the first week back so enjoyable. Every child seemed to come back refreshed and ready to learn. The school was full of the buzz of children engaging in their learning. This is a promising start to what will be a busy term full of challenging activities and inspirational lessons. What a great start to the year!

### Dates for the Autumn Term:

<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Year 6 PGL/Activity Week Reception Children Start	
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y1 Parent/Carer 'New to Y1' Briefing 8.45am	
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y6 back from PGL Second Hand Uniform Sale before and after school.	
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	E-Safety evening w/Peter Cowley – 6.30pm	
<b>Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y6 Parent Briefing – 6.30pm	
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y5 Trip to Greenwich Planetarium Y6 Fundraising week (cake sale)	
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Parent/Carer Forum – 9am	
<b>Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Reading Workshop for Parents – 6.30pm followed by Friends of Ellingham AGM – 7.30pm	
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Y5 Fundraising Week (cake sale)	
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Y1 Build-a-bear trip	
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Parent Book Look/Meet the teacher	
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Friends of Ellingham (FoE) Spooky Disco	
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term Week</b>	
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	Mufti Day - Toiletries	



### E-Safety



*Have you ever asked yourself whether you would let your 6 year old walk through Central London, at night, on their own without an adult? How about New York? Why not?*

When any child has unsupervised time using online technologies, they could be encountering similar risks that would stop you from letting them wander around big cities alone at night. We want to support families with thinking about how they can minimise the risks of online technologies to help their children become safer and happier users.

We know that online technologies can be a fascinating and exciting prospect for children; a place of rich discovery; a place that we want them to explore safely.

We are delighted to have been able to invite Peter Cowley, Richmond's ICT and E-safety Adviser, to speak to all parents and carers at Ellingham at **6.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

During his session he will be getting parents and carers to think about the world they are raising their children into; getting them to consider what their children use the internet for and the risks that this use presents. The aim of the session is to empower parents and carers and give them the confidence to allow their children safe access to technologies.

**Please look out for a letter inviting you to attend.**



### Polite Reminder



**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.

### Help us Raise Standards Quickly Reading volunteers



At the end of last term Miss Wells trained an enthusiastic team of parents and carers who had offered to help with reading. If anyone else is available to support, please contact Miss Wells via the office. Working together to support the children will help us to raise standards quickly.

**Help us Inspire**  
**Volunteer for 'Inspiration' Day!**

**Calling all doctors, designers, lawyers, TV presenters, children's authors, scientists, cooks and artists...!!!**

We are constantly trying to think of ways to make the education we are providing meaningful and inspirational. We are therefore planning an 'Inspiration Day' and would like to organise for visitors from various workplaces and professions to come into school and talk to the children and answer their questions. If you are interested or know someone who might be able to spare an hour to come in, please contact the school office with your details. The date of the event will be set once we have enough volunteers.



**Pick up a bargain!**  
**Second Hand School Uniform**



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Having tidied up all the cupboards in the school, we have found a wide selection of school uniform that has been donated across the years. We are finally in the position to sell everything – The Friends of Ellingham will be setting up a stall at the front of the school on Friday. Come early to pick up a bargain!

**Class Representatives Needed**  
**Friends of Ellingham need**  
**YOU!**



This year, Friends of Ellingham have agreed to support the school to raise money to replace the seating in the main playground. If we all join forces, we will be able to provide beautiful, quiet spaces for the children to relax in and enjoy throughout the year.

To make the running of events and fundraising for this project more manageable, the Friends of Ellingham would like each class to have at least one Class Representative. If you share the task it really isn't an onerous job and can be a great way to join our school community. Please look out for details in the next FoE newsletter – coming out soon!

**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!



**Garden**  
**Designers**



Calling all garden designers!!! We are looking to redesign the areas in front of KS1 and are looking for parents and carers who might have some experience of garden design and would be willing to come and give us some advice.

Please let Mrs Fairweather know via the office. Thank You!

**Books, Glorious Books!**



To help the children develop a deep love of reading, we will be opening the library every lunchtime. It will be staffed by Mrs Gittins who will be supported by a team of Year 6 librarians. We are in the process of cataloguing all of the books and are looking for parent/carer helpers who can help us complete this task quickly. Are you interested in becoming involved? Please let the school office know as soon as possible. Training will be provided.

**House Point Update**



As the year begins, 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.