



# Ellingham Primary School

## Monday 17th September 2018



### Back to Business - The hard work begins!



This week we are welcoming the Year 6 children back from their adventures on PGL and their activity week. Having pushed themselves to try new challenges and test their limits, they will be returning to us stronger, calmer and full of confidence. We are going to harness this new-found maturity by getting them to apply for positions of responsibility to create a purposeful environment across the school. What great citizens - together we are stronger!

### Dates for the Autumn Term:



<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

### Parent/Carer Engagement

#### Making a Team Around Your Child



Research tells us that the more we engage parents and carers in their children's education, the better the outcomes for the children. We take this very seriously at Ellingham. We have therefore planned a number of ways for you to come and see how your children are getting on. We will be running a **'Meet the Teacher – Book Look' afternoon on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30-5pm**. This is a great opportunity to come and look at your children's books, find out how they are settling in and understand the expectations we have of them for this academic year. This will be followed a few weeks later by **Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

Together we can make progress possible!



### Save the Date! Year Group Assemblies



We know that you all enjoy seeing your children performing their assemblies – get the date in your diary so that you don't miss out!

Year 5 - Thurs 18 October  
Year 1- Thurs 14th February  
Year 4 - Thurs 7th March  
Year 2 - Thurs 4th April  
Reception - Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 3 - Thurs 23rd May

**Year 6** – TBC during the second half of the summer term – they have a busy time ahead of them!



### E-Safety REMINDER



There are still spaces on the E-safety Briefing this **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - 6.30pm**

Please let the office know if you are hoping to attend. It promises to be an excellent evening full of up-to-date information that Parents and Carers need!



### Explorers Job Opportunity

Due to the growing success of our Explorers Club providing morning and afternoon care for Ellingham children, we are looking for someone who is NNEB qualified to join the team. If you know anyone who can work **both** mornings and afternoons, encourage them to check out the advert on Eteach – **www.eteach.com**. Closing date this Thursday!

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



We have been delighted by families' responses to this request last week. We are still looking for people from a wide range of jobs to offer their time, particularly from the arts (musicians, film professionals, dancers, actors, artists) and vocational jobs (nursing, gardening, builder, carpenters, mechanics etc).

As we said last week, we are looking 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 (Guidance will be given). 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**



**New Date: Friday 21st 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 on the playground on Friday.

Come early to pick up a bargain!

**Morning Arrangements**



Thank you to all the families that are making the effort to arrive at school on time and get themselves organised quickly to line up as soon as the bell rings.

The atmosphere in the school is purposeful and focussed from the moment the children get into class. The children are really maximising their learning time.

**Afternoon Pick ups**

Reception and Nursery pick up from the classroom doors. Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 all pick up from the main playground and Y5 and Y6 pick up from the main front doors.



**Website of the Week**  
**[www.lovereadng4kids](http://www.lovereadng4kids)**



Reading is fundamental to the development of children and countless research shows the links between good reading skills from an early age and future success in life. However, finding books children want to read or authors that excite them can be difficult; the choice is daunting and guidance rather thin on the ground.

Lovereadng4kids was created to be the best recommendation site for Children's Book from toddlers to teens. It has been created using the experience the designers have as parents, teachers and book lovers, who want our children to read great books.

This fantastic site has recommendations for prolific readers, reluctant readers and fussy readers. It is an absolute must that all families visit it!



**Polite Reminders**



**Parking Cameras** – Please be aware that the Local Authority have put a CCTV camera up to monitor cars which park on the restricted zigzag zones at the Ellingham Road entrance to the school. Penalties will be issued to cars that stop in these areas.

**Playtime Snacks** – All EY and KS1 children are provided with fruit to eat at breaktime. Junior children (Y3-Y6) are allowed to bring in a piece of fruit or chopped vegetables from home to eat. This is the only snack that they will be allowed to have mid-morning. All other snacks must be eaten at lunchtime.

**Safety Notice** - Please can you make sure that your children do not bring oversized bags to school to put into their lockers. The bags can get stuck and cause problems when they are removed.



**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.