



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 8th October 2018

Every Day Counts – 100% Attendance Awards



Last week 15 Ellingham children attended a Lord Mayor's celebration of 100% attendance at Southborough School. It was a wonderful event which emphasised the importance of every day that the children spend at school.

A huge thank you to Mrs Driver and Mrs Pakes for supporting at the event.

Dates for the Autumn Term:

- Mon 8th Oct** Y5 Fundraising Week (cake sale)
- Wed 10th Oct** Y1 Build-a-bear trip
- Thur 11th Oct** E-safety talk for Y5 and Y6
- Wed 17th Oct** Parent Book Look/Meet the teacher
- Thur 18th Oct** Y5 Class Assembly
- Fri 19th Oct** Friends of Ellingham (FoE) Spooky Disco
- Mon 22nd Oct** **Autumn Half Term Week**
- Mon 29th Oct** **INSET DAY**
- Fri 2nd Nov** Mufti Day - Toiletries
- Thur 8th Nov** New to Reception Open Evening –7.30pm
- Wed 14th Nov** Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations
- Thur 15th Nov** Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations
- Tues 20th Nov** New to Reception Tours (am)
- Thur 22nd Nov** New to Reception Tours (am)



Playground Furniture Design



Every part of your child's day is important to us – having happy playtimes are key to successful learning in the afternoon. The Friends of Ellingham have very kindly offered to support the school putting astro-turf on the worn-out patches of grass on the playground. In addition, they will be buying replacement playground furniture for the children to enjoy. If you are interested in helping us design the layout, please email the school office. We are hugely grateful for your support.

Do you have a little spare time?

Are you organised and a good communicator?

Friends of Ellingham Need You!



Friends of Ellingham are looking for someone to be the **secretary** of the committee. The role should generally take no more than **1hr a week** (slightly longer when leading up to events). It involves producing marketing materials, circulating letters, preparing information for the school website and writing minutes for the meetings. It is a great way to contribute to the school and become involved in the community. Templates and a data base of contacts are available. Training will be given. If you are interested, please let the school office know.

Handy Hints for Spelling Success

We are pleased to hear that so many families are helping their children with spelling. It is a skill that needs practising so that it can become mastered. Different children benefit from different approaches to learning their spellings. Most children respond to the 'Look, say, cover, write, check' approach:

1. **Look** at the word and pay attention to the spelling and what the word looks like.
2. **Say** the word out loud.
3. **Cover** up the word with your hand or turn the flash card around. Visualise the word in your mind
4. **Write** the word down
5. **Check** the flash card or list to ensure the spelling was correct. You can show your child an example of how to do this and then let them practise on their own.

You may want to be creative about how you get your child to write these words – use fridge-magnets, bath-crayons or a steamed-up window in the car. Making it fun will make all the difference. There are also many apps such as 'SpellingShed' which you can load your lists onto so your children can practise, test themselves and let you know how they are getting on.

We will be sending home spelling results each week so you can see how your child has done.

Advanced Warning - Christmas Jumper Mufti Friday 30th November



The final mufti day before the Christmas Fair will be a Christmas Jumper Mufti. Time to keep an eye out for that festive wooly!

Ever wanted to learn a musical Instrument?

Not sure which one?

Come and Play day – Saturday 13th October!

Try our full range of instruments and speak to Kingston Music Service experienced tutors. All Saint's Church, Kingston, KT1 1IP – 2.00-4.30pm. FREE.



House Point Update

Emerald – 250 points

Ruby – 200 points

Sapphire – 245 points

Topaz – 230 points



Quick Notices and Polite Reminders



Easy Fundraising

Please help the school raise funds whilst shopping online. Simply register yourself on the Easy Fundraising Website and the school will be given money every time you spend – minimum effort for a positive return!!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

PMG School wear

Last year we raised nearly £600 as a result of purchases which families made from PMG's Tolworth shop. The school gets approx. £1 for every item purchased. Easy money!

School Website Updates

We are currently updating the information on the school website - it is a work in progress! Phase One is making sure that the information is correct. Phase Two will be looking at the design and layout of the website. If there are any parents or carers with website expertise who would be willing to offer us support and advice, it will be gratefully received. Please take a look at **Parent Zone** if you would like to find copies of the E-safety Handouts, Reading Scheme Colour Coding and Parent/Carer Reading Booklet.

Assembly Photos

Thank you so much for the wonderful selection of photographs that have been sent in to support Mrs Fairweather's assembly. She is out on a course on Monday and Tuesday so her assembly will be on Thursday this week. Copies of the photographs will be posted on the website after the assembly for all to enjoy.

Packed Lunch Drop Off

As the weather is changing and becoming wetter in the mornings, children having packed lunches will be asked to put their lunch boxes on the trollies in the small hall. To avoid congestion, please respect the one way system.

BeSports Activity Camps

For information about half term camps please speak to the school office and visit the school website.

Shorts Under Skirts

There has been some concern that girls wishing to do cartwheels must wear shorts under their skirts – this is NOT the expectation of the school. There is no school rule that states that a girl should have to wear shorts in order to enjoy this innocent childhood activity. It is a choice that some families wish to make.