



Ellingham Primary School

Monday 23rd September

Ellingham Excellence

This week in assembly, as part of our core values, we will be thinking about 'excellence' and what it means to us. We believe excellence isn't just about academic achievement, but also about working to excel in other areas. In our Friday assemblies, teachers award an Ellingham Excellence award to a member of their class who has exceeded expectations in some way. This may be related to the standard of their work, it may be related to sporting success, it may be in reference to their conduct through the week, or it may be to reward an excellent attitude to learning. We want all children to feel inspired to work, to challenge themselves and show an excellent attitude to learning. All children are capable of excellence and we aim to motivate our children to strive for excellence in all areas of their school life.



Dates for 2019

- Thur 26th Sept Foundation Stage Coffee Morning for parents and carers 9.00am in school hall.
- Fri 18th Oct Friend of Ellingham Spooky Disco
- W/B 21st Oct STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) curriculum week
- W/B 28th Oct Half term
- Thur 31st Oct Secondary School admission cut-off**
Please ensure that you read the complete Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools brochure online at www.kingston.gov.uk Apply online at www.eAdmissions.org.uk
- Mon 4th Nov INSET DAY
- Tues 5th Nov Children return to school
- Mon 11th Nov Individual and sibling school photos
- Tues 12th Nov Individual and sibling school photos
- Tues 12th Nov Parent / Carer's eve. Timings TBC
- Thur 14th Nov Parent / Carer's eve. Timings TBC
- Tue 17th Dec KS1 Christmas Performance in hall 9.00am
- Thur 19th Dec EYFS Christmas Performance in hall 9.00am
- Frid 20th Dec Last day of Autumn term

IMPORTANT:

Change of Bank Holiday

Following the Government's announcement to move the early May Bank Holiday from Mon 4th May to Frid 8th May 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day, this means the early May Bank Holiday will now fall of Friday 8th May 2020

Curriculum Updates

Keeping Fit and Healthy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnKCGY9ZocA>
We hope you are enjoying our home-workout links. Another workout is attached above. If you have photos of your children working out at home to share with us, we would love to share them in Friday's celebration assembly.

Curriculum Enrichment

This week, our Year 5 children will visit the Greenwich Planetarium and our Year 2 children will visit Kingston Museum. These opportunities provide life-long memories for our children and they help to bring learning to life. More trips coming soon!

STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) curriculum week 21st – 25th October

Our STEM curriculum week is coming soon and we are looking for parents / grandparents / friends who work in one of the fields above to come into school during that week and share their knowledge and expertise with the children. From pupil-voice questionnaires conducted over the past three weeks, it is clear that our children are inspired by the opportunity to talk to visiting experts. Please let the office know ASAP if you are able to offer us any time during that week.

Friends of Ellingham Spooky Disco

Our Friends of Ellingham will be running their annual Spooky Disco, in the school hall, on Friday 18th October:

Nursery and reception 4.15-5pm

KS1 5.15-6.15

KS2-6.30-7.30

More information to follow soon.

Scooters in School

Please help us to keep all of our children safe by ensuring your children don't ride their scooters in the school grounds. We had an incident last week where a young child was knocked over by another child riding on a scooter and we don't want this to happen again. There are scooter stands outside the main entrance to the school building. If you are unable to use these, please make sure your children walk with their scooters.

Safeguarding at Ellingham

- To ensure the security of the building, the side gate into the playground will only be opened at drop off and pick up times
 - **8.30 – 8.50am**
 - **3.00 – 3.30 pm**This will have an impact on parents dropping and picking up children from Explorers club as access to the school will only be via the front entrance. Staff will be in the office from 8am and until 4.30. We are currently working to adapt our door control and CCTV system so that they can be operated from the Explorers room before and after these times. In the meantime, a mobile number will be posted on the door so that you can call staff to alert them of your presence. The main pedestrian gates will be closed from **9am until 2.55pm**.
- Year 5 and 6 are now dismissed into the playground, rather than at the front of the building through the busy traffic of departing families.
- The procedure for taking children to clubs at the end of the day has been reinforced. They are taken to the club lead by an adult, while the other adult remains with children who are picked up late. It is standard practice that a club register is taken and the office staff are notified by the club leader if there are any absences so that they can be followed up.

Quick Notices and Polite Reminders



Parking:

During the summer holidays, yellow lines were painted outside of the school gates to prevent parking. Please note that we have been notified that enforcement officers will be issuing tickets over the next few weeks for those contravening the parking restrictions. They will be in attendance at points during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times

Name Labels:

Please make sure all clothes, shoes, water bottles, lunch boxes etc are clearly labelled.

Medicines:

If your children require medicines to be kept in school, it is vital that they are brought in ASAP and the correct documentation is filled in. Documentation is available in the office. Please ensure medicines are in-date.

Chessington School Open Evening and Open Mornings

Families are warmly invited to an Open Evening on Thursday, 26th September from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. No need to book, just turn up with your children.

Open Mornings - if you would like to see the school in action, we are holding the following open mornings which do need to be booked in advance.

Monday, 23rd, September – 9:15am to 10:30am
Wednesday, 25th September – 9:15am to 10:30am
Monday, 30th September – 9:15am to 10:30am
Wednesday, 2nd October – 9:15am to 10:30am
Monday, 7th October – 9:15am to 10:30am
Wednesday, 9th October – 9:15am to 10:30am

Volunteers Wanted!

Local charity, Kingston Carers' Network, is looking for Admin Support Volunteers to lend a hand at their offices in Tolworth for a couple of hours a week. Term-time only volunteering is available. If you would like to find out more, please contact Lyndsey at volunteering@kingstoncarers.org.uk / 020 3375 8226 or go to <http://www.kingstoncarers.org.uk/volunteering/>.

House Points

Our Year Six House Captains have started their roles with professionalism and commitment. We hope to have more house events throughout the year.

Topaz – 307

Sapphire - 274

Ruby – 258

Emerald - 223