



# Ellingham Primary School

## Monday 14th October

### Pupil Voice

British values are threaded through everything we do at Ellingham and we believe an understanding of these values are a vital component of our curriculum. Democracy, through the importance of pupil voice helps us to gauge what is working well and what needs to be re-assessed. Our curriculum is designed with the needs of our school community in mind and therefore it is vital that our children are given a voice in what they are learning. If your children have spoken to you about their hopes and dreams for the school and you think we may not be aware, please speak to your child's teacher so that we can reflect on what we offer.



### Dates for 2019

Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5 / 6 boys' football district cup Game
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	New Reception parents – open Morning
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Phonics workshop for reception families – 2.30pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Friends of Ellingham Spooky Disco
W/B 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	STEM (science, technology, Engineering and maths) curriculum week
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Phonics workshop for reception Families – 8.15am
W/B 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term

**Thur 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.kingston.gov.uk)**  
**Apply online at [www.eAdmissions.org.uk](http://www.eAdmissions.org.uk)**

### **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov INSET DAY**

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual and sibling school photos
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual and sibling school photos
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent / Carer's eve. Timings TBC
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent / Carer's eve. Timings TBC
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance in hall 9.00am
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Christmas Performance in hall 9.00am
Frid 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn term

### Curriculum Updates

#### *Keeping Fit and Healthy*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rN0h6EZd6TM>  
We hope you are enjoying our home-workout links. Workout number 5 is attached above. In achievement assembly, we have shared photos of some of our amazing staff who completed the Edinburgh Half Marathon at the end of September, and with your help, we can share photos of our children completing home workouts. Please email these photos to the school office!

#### *Curriculum Enrichment*

On Tuesday, our Year 5/6 boys' football team are playing against Green Lane Primary School. We hope this gives them the opportunity to show our Ellingham values of excellence, courage respect and determination. We look forward to reporting back to everyone! On Tuesday, our Year One children are going to go on a Teddy bear's picnic, complete with sandwiches which they are going to make themselves. Photos to follow soon!

#### *STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) curriculum week 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October*

STEM We are still looking for volunteers, especially those with a technology or engineering background. Our children love learning from visitors so please get involved if you can!



### Embedding Key skills is key to learning!

Reading is a vital skill to unlock learning. Without this key skill, it is difficult to engage with the world in a meaningful way. Please help your children to embed this skill by reading together every day. This doesn't have to be book-based; it may be sharing a comic or magazine, working through a recipe or reading the instructions of a game. Wherever possible, let your children see you reading as well. The modelling of this key skill is very powerful. As adults, we offer the most significant influence on our children's lives and as such, it is our duty to show good habits with reading.

We are delighted to tell you that 'The Book Bus' will be visiting us on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This exciting shop on wheels will offer the whole community a wide range of books and gifts at very competitive prices.

Watch this space!



### Spooky Disco Reminder

Our annual Spooky Disco will take place in the school hall this Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets will be available after school from Monday to Thursday this week. They will also be available before school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Timings below:

4.30-5.15pm – Nursery and Reception

5.30-6.30 – Years 1 and 2

6.45-7.45pm – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

### 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.

#### Tissue request:

We would be grateful if children could bring in a box of tissues for their classroom. Thank you.

#### 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.

#### School Gates – Important!

As part of our drive to ensure our school site is secure, we will be opening the main gates into the building at **8.30am** in the morning. The side gate into the playground will be unlocked from **8.35am**. All gates will be locked at **9.00am**.

At the end of the school day, main gates will be open from **2.55pm** and all gates will be locked at **3.30pm**. Access to the site at other times throughout the day will be via buzzer entry. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

#### Club Reminder

If your children are not able to attend an after-school club for whatever reason, please inform the office prior to the club. As part of our safeguarding processes, absences from clubs must be followed up in the same way as absences from school. Thank you for your help with this.

### House Points

Topaz – 297

Sapphire – 271

Ruby – 215

Emerald - 280