



# Ellingham Primary School

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

### Welcome Back Everyone!

We have had a really positive and productive start to the second half of the autumn term. From visiting classical musicians to card decorating to tag rugby tournaments, the school has been buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm. This term promises to be busy and creative, however we will keep the core business of learning at the heart of everything we do.

We are looking forward to sharing how your child is progressing in school at Parents Consultations this week. Targets for your child, in reading, writing and maths, will be part of this discussion and we want to work in partnership with you to ensure that children are given many opportunities to achieve these and to practice their ever-growing skills. For example, reading unlocks all learning and spelling skills create a fluency in writing and develop self-confidence in learning. If you would like to see what your child is learning this half-term, there is an overview of the curriculum for each year group and also by subject on the Curriculum section of the website. There is still time to organise a meeting if you haven't yet done so.

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent / Carers' Consultations, 3.40-6.00**

**Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent / Carers' Consultations, 3.40-7.00**

Thank you for those of you that responded to the Parent Survey. Your honest opinion of the school's strengths and areas for improvement is welcome as we can only move forward and make a difference once we are fully aware of the gaps that need to be filled. There will be computer available throughout Parents / Carers' Consultations for you to complete a survey, if you haven't already done so. It really doesn't take long.

### Anti-Bullying Week 2019

Anti Bullying week runs from Monday to Friday and the theme this year is ***change starts with you.***

In support of this, **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** is odd socks day - celebrating what makes us unique and raising awareness. Please can children come to school tomorrow wearing any socks of their choice! Throughout the week, we will be creating a whole school pledge wall for everyone (children and staff) to sign. Pledges will be based on kindness to others; focusing on how we as individuals can help to create a supportive and caring environment. In addition, every class has an act of kindness jar. Every morning throughout this week, children will pick out a kindness challenge to complete at school that day. Completed challenges are marked off with a smiley face and the class with the most smiley faces at the end of the week will have 5 minutes extra play the following week.



### Updates

#### *Reading Challenge and Reading bus*

We have some fantastic photos of our community reading in weird and wonderful places! If you have any photos which you haven't brought in yet, please send them in ASAP!

Don't forget, we will have the visiting Book People Bus driving into Ellingham on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This is a fantastic opportunity to pick up some reading bargains from a unique shop on wheels!!

#### *Worshipful Musicians*

Year Three were treated to a live music recital this week from The Worship Company of Musicians. William, a professional clarinettist, and Alexei, a professional French Horn player visited the class, shared wonderful music and talked about how their sounds are created. We hope to have more details on the website soon.



## Tag Rugby Tournament

Last week, our Year 5 / 6 mixed team played exceptionally well, coming third across the whole borough. Everyone represented the school extremely well, however unfortunately we lost out to the winners, who are now representing Kingston at the London youth games. Maybe next year!



## Quick Notices and Polite Reminders



### 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.

## Dates for 2019

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	Odd Socks Day
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Frid 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mufti day – Toiletries donation
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Book People bus shop visit
Frid 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mufti day – Bottle donation
Frid 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Friends Of Ellingham Christmas Fair 3.15-5.15
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance Chessington School 6.30pm
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

## Trips and visitors

At the beginning of September, we asked our children what they like best about their learning. The overwhelming majority of children spoke of trips and visitors. Unfortunately, we are in a position whereby unless more families contribute towards the cost of these fantastic opportunities, we are not going to be able to run them.

If you haven't yet paid the £4.00 contribution towards STEM week, please do so using your Parentpay app. We are currently £1000 short of covering the costs of this week and this means we will have to fund it out of our classroom resources budget. Alternatively, there will be envelopes and a basket available at Parents/Carers' Consultations.

Thank you for your support.

## House Points

Topaz – 260

Sapphire - 320

Ruby – 155

Emerald -210