



# Ellingham Primary School

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### Working Together

We are proud of our community and the partnerships we have within that. Last week's Parent / Carers' consultations offered a great opportunity to celebrate the successes of our children. We believe that children learn best when they are given many opportunities to practice their ever-growing skills. Reading and spelling practice must happen at home, as well as school, in order to give our children the best possible chances. Reading unlocks all learning and spelling skills create a fluency in writing and develop self-confidence in learning. Encourage your children to use their ever-growing skills when they are out and about. Can they read the traffic signs to help with journeys? Can they write the shopping lists for the weekly shop? Similarly, can they read shopping lists and help with picking out the required goods? The more we link these skills to everyday life, the more meaningful they become.

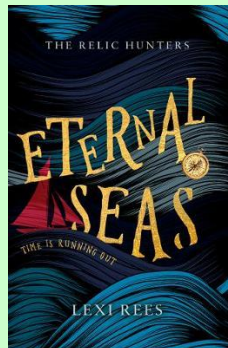
### Curriculum Updates

#### *Reading Challenge and Reading bus*

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!!

#### *Author visit*

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, Year 5 and 6 are taking part in a writing workshop led by the fantastic children's author, Lexi Rees. Her well-loved book, *Eternal Seas*, blends fantasy with adventure and she will be signing copies of this text on Wednesday. If your year 5 and 6 children didn't receive an order form for this, please inform the office ASAP!



#### *Imperial War Museum Trip*

On Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, our Year Six children visited the Imperial War Museum. It was here that the children took part in the national two minute silence to respect the passing of those who have lost their lives. This was an exceptionally poignant experience for the children.



### E-Safety Updates!

As parents and carers, you'll know how important the internet is to children - they use it to learn, play, socialise and express themselves. It's a highly creative place of amazing opportunities. But the technology children use every day can seem a bit daunting and you might worry about the risks your child can face online - such as bullying, contact from strangers or the possibility of them seeing inappropriate content.

You can download a simple checklist here that may help you start conversations with your children about online safety. Or you can engage with your children regarding their use of the internet while at home.

Click on the link below for more information:

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)



### 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.

### Calendar

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 and 6 author visit
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Redgrave Class book look and drop-in 3.30-5.00
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.

Thank you to the families who gave their donation last week. If you haven't yet paid the £4.00 contribution towards STEM week, please do so using your Parentpay app. We are still significantly short of covering the costs of this week and this means we will have to fund it out of our classroom resources budget. Thank you for your support.

### House Points

Topaz – 460

Sapphire - 280

Ruby – 166

Emerald - 195