



Ellingham Primary School

Tuesday 21st January

Embodying our Vision

Our vision is to ensure that our pupils become:

Successful learners - who enjoy learning, make progress, learn from making mistakes and achieve

Confident individuals - who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives

Responsible citizens - who make a positive contribution to society

Through our broad and balanced curriculum, we ensure that all children can experience success; be it in writing, science, art or running. Although the core business of reading, writing and maths is at the heart of our curriculum, as you will see from our vision, we are committed to giving our children a curriculum which develops confidence and encourages responsibility. At present, all our Year Six children have an area of responsibility across the school and in other year groups, children have the opportunity to take on roles and responsibilities. These additional responsibilities help to develop a harmonious school and they also represent the British Values of rule of law, individual liberty and democracy. At home you may also like to talk to your children about how our school vision can be implemented in the wider world.

Curriculum Updates

Homework:

We have sent out a letter to address queries that have arisen as a result of changes to homework. The changes have been made to make homework more effective and is streamlined to help children and families to concentrate on the core skills of reading, spelling and mental maths. You will see that all children who read and get their reading diaries signed every day will be entered into a weekly prize draw. Let's see how many children can get into the draw! We will be working on improving the advice we give to parents to help them support their children.

Maths:

We are in the process of introducing a whole-school maths scheme called Power Maths. This will ensure access to research-driven teaching and learning methods which are recommended by the Department for education. Power Maths follows the White Rose Maths scheme which is a highly respected teaching model adopted by a significant number of schools across England. Once this is embedded, we will offer a parents and carers' workshop to explore the scheme more deeply.

English:

All children from Year One upwards are enjoying getting to know their mystery text. Classrooms show an exciting range of thoughts and questions, provoked by the beautiful illustrations and language of the text. Be sure to ask your children what they know so far!

Wider Curriculum:

We already have a range of trips and visitors booked to help bring this term's learning to life. From trips to the British Museum to visits to local secondary schools to welcoming musicians into the school, this term promises to be engaging and memorable for all. Please check our website for details on learning in all subjects across all year groups. If you have any expertise which relates to any of our areas of learning, we would love to talk to you!

ASD Parent Support Group



Wednesday 5th February 2020

10.30am to 12 noon Grand Avenue Primary
and Nursery School Surbiton, KT5 9HU

During this session you will have the opportunity to make visuals to use at home for your child. I will have laminators, Velcro and printed symbols! Please let me know if you are able to come.

Thank you, Jane Pidduck

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Quick Notices and Polite Reminders



Correct attire for PE sessions:

Please remember that PE kit is NOT optional. It is vital that all children have a full PE kit in school throughout the week. In order for children to participate effectively, they must be dressed appropriately. In addition, this kit helps to promote a sense of belonging and respect; both of which are necessary attributes in sport.

Misplaced Jumpers and Packed Lunch Boxes

Please have a look through bags and check clothes labels to see if your child may have inadvertently taken home items which belong to someone else. Mix-ups with clothes and lunch boxes happen frequently, so please help us to get items back to where they belong by checking what you have at home! Thank you.

Late pick up

School finishes at 3.05 for reception, Y1 and Y2 children and 3.15 for Y3-6. Please be on time to pick them up. Children will wait in Mrs Keogh's office if they are collected late to free up the teachers to mark, plan and prepare for the next day.

Calendar

Tues 21 st Jan	School Nurse visiting Yr 5
Thurs 23 rd Jan	School Nurse visiting Yr 6
Tues 28 th Jan	School Nurse visiting Yr 5
Thurs 30 th Jan	Parent / Carers' Forum 9.00am
Tues 4 th Feb	Year 4 Trip to The British Museum
Wed 5 th Feb	ASD Parent Support Group, Grand Avenue Primary, 10.30am-12.00
Wed 12 th Feb	Parent / Teacher Consultation - Year 4
W/B Mon 17 th	Feb Half Term Holiday
Mon 24 th Feb	Term Commences
Tues 10 th Mar	Parent / Teacher Consultation
Thur 12 th Mar	Parent / Teacher Consultation

Ellingham Role-Model Achieves Excellence!

We could not be more proud of our very own Surrey swimming champion. Noah P in Owens class is ranked as number 7 in Surrey for the 200 metre breaststroke. This accolade means that Noah is now in the county finals and is well on his way to achieving great things!

Noah shared his achievements in one of our values assemblies last week and we realised that Noah's embodies 5 out of our 7 values!

**Determination, Excellence, Courage, Inspiration
Respect**

What a role-model!

House Points

Topaz – 310

Sapphire - 307

Ruby – 92

Emerald - 93