



# Ellingham Primary School Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021



## Dates for the diary:

### Summer term starts:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Term starts

### Half-term:

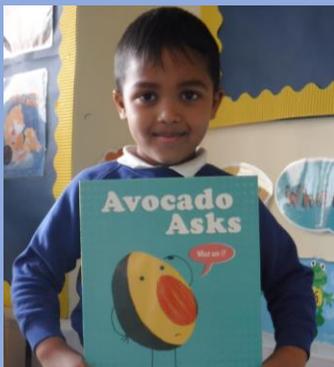
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**INSET day:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Summer term ends:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Term ends

## SPARK BOOK AWARDS



READ ABOUT OUR BOOK EXPERTS  
on the next page.

## Looking Forward to Easter

Two weeks of relaxing to look forward to and the opportunity to spend time with six people in your garden. Such a little thing but, after lockdown, it feels like such a luxury! Your children have worked so hard since their return after lockdown so I'm sure they'll love the chance to spend time with their friends.

Since the return, we have monitored their work and they have produced some delightful written work, with poems and journals that demonstrate marvelous use of language and expression. We are so proud of their achievements in this and in their other subjects.

**RETURN TO SCHOOL  
MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

### BOUNCING BACK

To celebrate the children bouncing back to school, Friends of Ellingham has launched an Easter fundraising challenge - a sponsored Easter bounce.

How many times can children bounce a ball, jump or bounce on a trampoline? You can sponsor per minute, per challenge or, if you are feeling flush, per bounce. More info has been sent from FOE.



### REPORTING POSITIVE CASES IN THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

Please notify the school if your child receives a positive test following symptoms that started this week during school time or on the Saturday or Sunday of the school holiday. We will need to contact any close contacts in that period.

After Sunday, if you conduct a test or symptoms develop, you do NOT need to notify us. We will be monitoring the office email until Wednesday.



### TEST KITS FOR FAMILIES

If you would like a test kit and haven't picked one up from school, please let us know when we return on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. There are seven tests in the pack and Public Health recommend that you use them twice a week. It is designed to pick up the virus even if you are not showing symptoms

Don't forget to report your test result. If you are positive, you will need to go for a PCR test to confirm the result.

## SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be communicating about clubs starting when we return after Easter. We are reviewing our risk assessment to allow this to take place.

### NEW DRAMA CLUB

As lockdown unrolls, we have a new club booked to start in May for all your aspiring singing, dancing and acting child stars. Click the link to check your child in for a free trial in May. See advert at the end of the newsletter.

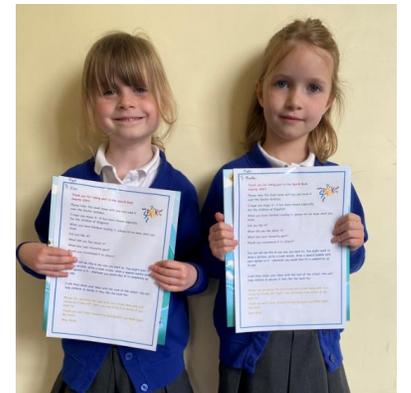
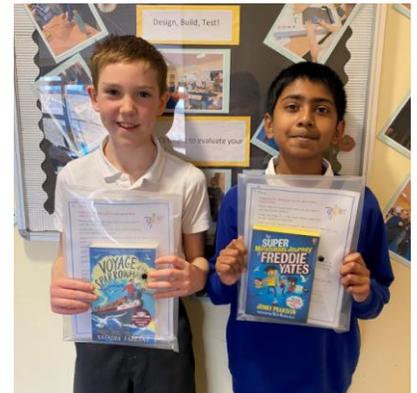
<http://www.makebelievegroup.co.uk/school/chessington/>

## SPARK BOOK AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that we now have a judging panel made up of fantastic Ellingham readers to review the shortlisted books for the Spark Book Awards in Kingston. Each child has been given a fantastic new book to read over the Easter holidays; they will then review it and give their opinion. The books will then go to each class so everyone gets a chance to vote on their favourite in their age range.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to take part.

We love reading at Ellingham!



## HATCHING IDEAS IN RECEPTION

Reception children's imaginations have been running wild with the appearance of giant eggs in the classrooms. They all have their own baby eggs to hatch at home.



What will be inside?





# LEARNING TOGETHER



## HOWZAT – Year 1 Enjoy Cricket

Year 1 got the opportunity to try out cricket this term with coaches from Chance to Shine.

They also knocked it out of the park in their maths lessons, experiencing capacity with hands-on measuring.



## YEAR 2 AT THE CARNIVAL

Year 2 really looked the part for their Brazilian carnival celebration. They shared their brilliant dancing skills to the whole school during assembly and were a feast for the eyes with their brightly coloured feathers, beads and masks.

Well done Year 2.





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## ABOVE ALL, OUR TRAINING BOOSTS CONFIDENCE

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