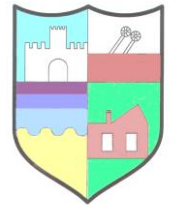




# Ellington Primary School



9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## **In Memory of Queen Elizabeth II**

This morning, all of the staff and children at Ellington Primary School have paid our respects to Queen Elizabeth II. We join the country in mourning her death but we have celebrated her remarkable life and looked back at her amazing 70 years of reign. Once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, we will write to you with further information.

## **New Academic Year**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year! It has been brilliant seeing all of the children again this week and hearing about their summer adventures.

Each and every class has settled so well into their new routines and with their new teachers. This week we have been focusing on our whole school values.

We believe that every child has the ability to excel in almost any area of learning. Excellence isn't the result of a natural talent, but instead is the result of extensive opportunity, skilled teaching, focussed practise and personal determination. Everything we do as a school is done with this vision in mind.

### **Our Values are the attributes that underpin our vision:**

**Honesty** – being fair and truthful at all times.

**Respect** – for yourself, your family and your community.

**Pride** – in everything you do; to aspire to be the best version you.

**Resilience** – recovering from difficulties, attempting things that will be hard and challenging.

**Teamwork** – working successfully with others.

**Happiness** – enjoying school and embracing life.

Years One to Six have all been focusing on these values this week, with each class looking closely at one particular value. To celebrate this work, we would like to invite you into school for class assemblies on the following dates:

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Year One

September 19<sup>th</sup> – Year Five

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Year Four

September 21<sup>st</sup> – Year Three

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year Two

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year Six

Each assembly will begin at 2:30pm. The assemblies will be followed by information by your child's new class teacher about the year ahead. This will end before 3:15pm.

## **PE**

PE lessons are resuming this coming Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>. PE days are as follows:

Monday – Nursery/Reception

Tuesday – Years One/Two

Wednesday – Years Three/Four

Thursday – Years Five/Six

## **Homework**

This year, we want to make homework as stress free for parents/carers as possible. Children in Years 1 to 6 will all have weekly spellings to learn at home, based on spelling patterns and rules they have been taught in school. They will also have weekly times tables to learn. Each Friday they will complete spelling and times table tests. We expect all children to read at least five times per week. Our younger children should read with the support of an adult. However, more fluent children can read independently. We ask that every time your child reads, you sign their reading record. Children will also have one piece of homework in their new homework books. This will be based on work they have completed in school that week and this should be completed independently in less than half an hour. This homework will be sent home every Friday and returned by the following Wednesday at the latest. All homework will be marked in whole class feedback sessions. The aim of the homework is to consolidate learning that has happened in school. This will be expanded on when class teachers share information after the class assemblies. Homework in EYFS is different and expectations will be shared by Mrs Pirie and Mrs Cook.

## **Wheels to school**

During the summer we had some new bike and scooter racks installed at the rear of the school. We would like to continue with wheels to school all year round but unfortunately when the weather is poor, we are unable to use the field so the children cannot cycle on the yard at breaktimes. However, we will continue with this initiative until half term, weather permitting!

Monday – EYFS

Tuesday – Years One and Two

Wednesday – Years Three and Four

Thursday – Years Five and Six

On these days, your child can bring their scooter or bike to school and use this at breaktimes, if they have a helmet.

Best Wishes,

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