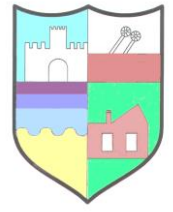




# Ellington Primary School



6.9.22

## **Welcome Back!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer! The staff and I are all really excited to get started and welcome the children back into school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

I would like to welcome our new Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Gray and Mr McConville, our new teachers Mrs Sanders and Mr Todd, and also our new Teaching Assistants Mrs Curtis and Miss Patrick.

## **Staffing 2022/2023**

Nursery – Mrs Pirie & Mrs Goodall

Reception – Mrs Cook & Mrs Hays/Mr Liddle

Year 1 – Mrs Horsley & Mrs Curtis/Miss Patrick

Year 2 – Mr McConville & Mrs Mitcheson

Year 3 – Mrs Morris/Mrs Richardson & Mrs Strachan

Year 4 – Mrs Sanders & Mrs Strachan

Year 5 – Mr Todd & Mrs Mallaburn

Year 6 – Miss Gray & Mrs Sayer

Miss Nicholson will be working in Year 3 and Year 4 until her maternity leave begins.

## **School Improvements**

During the summer holidays, we have decorated large parts of the school. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 have all been transformed as well as the school hall and other parts of the school. We are continuing to improve our outdoor resources for Early Years and we are still waiting for some new equipment to arrive.

## **School Library**

Our library is finally complete! Miss Wilcock continued her work during the holidays and the library is now ready to open. Further information will be shared regarding opening times for parents and siblings.

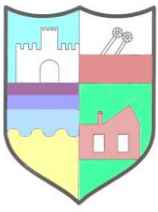
## **Reading**

This year, all children from years 1 to 6 will read every day in school. Therefore, they must bring their reading book and reading record with them every single day. Children in Reception should also bring their reading book and reading record into school every day, when they start taking them home.

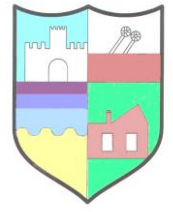
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## **PE**

There will be no formal PE lessons this week in school. We will resume PE lessons W/C 12/09/22. We will share the class timetable with you this week.

## **Class Dojo**

We will continue to use Class Dojo for communication. Your child/children will now be linked to their new year group and teacher.

## **School Gateway**

We are in the process of setting up School Gateway for all pupils. This system is to move towards a cashless system in school and also works as a communication tool with regards to attendance. All bookings and payments for Breakfast/Afterschool clubs and extra-curricular clubs will be through this system. You will receive a separate letter about this. You will continue to pay for school dinners through School Grid.

## **School Dinners**

School dinners, for Reception to Year 6, can be ordered several weeks in advance and all dinners should be ordered from home via School Grid. Orders need to be placed by 9am at the latest each day.

Parents of Year 3 pupils, please note that you will now need to pay for any school dinners ordered, as your child is no longer in receipt of 'Universal Infant Free School Meals'.

Nursery children who are in for full day sessions should bring a packed lunch. Further guidance regarding packed lunches is available on our website.

*Reminder to all parents – please ensure your child does not bring any nuts or nut-based products into school due to us having nut allergy sufferers.*

## **After-school Extra-Curricular Clubs**

We will be running a range of after school clubs again this term. A letter will be sent out this week with details. Bookings and payments will be made through School Gateway and will be on a first come first served basis.

## **School events**

This year, we want to create as many opportunities as possible for parents/carers to come into school. The first event will be class assemblies and welcome meetings which will take place during weeks two and three of this half term.

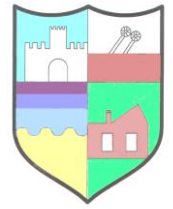
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## Uniform

At the end of Summer term, we sent home a letter regarding uniform. Can I just remind you of uniform expectations at Ellington:

School Uniform for September 2022:

- Navy blue/red jumpers/cardigans for EYFS and Years 1 to 4.
- Purple/navy jumpers/cardigans for Years 5 and 6.
- White polo-shirts/shirt.
- Black or charcoal skirt, shorts or trousers.
- Red or blue summer dress.
- Black school shoes or **plain** black trainers.

PE Kit for September 2022:

- School PE Kit consisting of a white t-shirt with embroidered badge and navy/black shorts  
Or
- Plain white t-shirt and plain navy/black shorts.
- Plain navy/black jogging bottoms.
- School PE hoody or plain navy hoody.
- Children can wear any comfortable trainers on their PE day.

Space is very limited in the cloakrooms. Ideally, children in EYFS and KS1 will use a book bag every day except on PE days. This would help enormously!

I am sure all of the children will settle quickly back into school, but should you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. All teachers will be outside the classrooms every morning and home time.

Best Wishes,

Mr Hodgson  
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