

Ellistown News

September 2018

Welcome Back

After such a lovely summer we hope you are all feeling refreshed and ready for the school year ahead. I am sure you will join us in welcoming all of our new pupils and their families to our Ellistown family. We are looking forward to starting your child's journey with us.

Over the summer all of the staff have once again been working very hard to prepare for the new year – everywhere is looking fantastic.

Here's to another great year, it is lovely to see you all back.

Mrs Stretton



Congratulations

During the holidays, three of our members of staff got married. We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Forbes (Miss Braden), Mrs Cooper (Miss Cemery) and Mrs Whittingslow and wish them all the very best for the future.

PE Kit

Please ensure all PE kit, uniform and equipment is labelled – it is much easier to find missing items if it has a name in it.

Toast & Fruit

KS2 children can buy a slice of toast at break time for 10p each day or they can bring a piece of fruit to eat. Other snacks are not permitted.

Bikes & Scooters

To keep everyone safe please be reminded that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden across the playground at any time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 31st August – Moore Class @Loughborough University pm

Monday 17th September – Year 6 parents meeting @2pm

Tuesday 18th September – Year 2 parents meeting @2pm

Week beginning 24th September – Sharing learning meetings Matisse & Lichtenstein

Wednesday 26th September – Languages Day in school

Thursday 27th September – Matisse & Calder class @ The Church – Harvest Celebration

Saturday 29th September – Cross Country @ Prestwald Hall

Week beginning 1st October – sharing learning meetings – Kandinsky, Picasso & Moore

Thursday 4th October – Poetry Day in school

Monday 8th October – Individual Photos

Wednesday 10th October – Friday 12th October – London Residential

Monday 15th October – Friday 20th October – School closed for Half Term

Monday 22nd October – school closed teacher day

Week beginning 5th November – sharing learning meetings - Calder & Chagall



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During the course of the next academic year our whole school focus will be on the characteristics of learning, for example independence, resilience, perseverance, positivity, team work, listening, questioning, curiosity and responsibility. As you will be aware these are not just characteristics that children need while they are at school, they are characteristics that give them the skills to make choices throughout their lives, overcoming challenges, never giving up and recognising the importance of accepting consequences for their actions.

As a starting point we have reviewed our behaviour system and adapted the traffic light system to allow pupils to reflect on and move on from their mistakes whilst taking responsibility for their actions.

Gold +30
Silver +20
Bronze +10
Green 0
Yellow -10
Orange -20
Red -30

Throughout the day, children will move up or down dependant on how they demonstrate the **Ellistown Way** & Characteristics for Learning. House points will be collected each day by a monitor in the classroom and then sent to the office on a Wednesday at lunch time to gather totals for house and class of the week.

Each day all children will start on 0 in the **Green** zone.

Children may move up or down throughout the day giving them a chance to reflect on their mistakes if they move down. If they have a bad day and finish on the **Red** zone a message will go home to parents outlining their day so that events can be discussed and reflected on identifying how they can move on from their mistakes.

Children will move straight to the **Red** zone for physical violence - they will receive a message or phone call home dependant on the circumstances. Should there be repeated incidences of this

Consequences for being in the **Red** zone will reflect the actions and circumstances for example throwing litter = litter picking or shouting out in lessons = quiet time at lunch.

Where children show good characteristics for learning and improvements in their targeted areas notes home, head teacher awards and star of the week will be given to recognise their achievements.

Your ongoing support and the partnership between home and school is vital to a child's development, should you have any questions or queries as the term progresses with our new behaviour system please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

