

Great Ellingham Primary News



January 2019

Dates for your diary

JAN	
Fri 11th	Yr3 Trampoline Taster at AAN
Mon 14th	Hilltop Parent's Meeting, 6-7pm
Fri 25th	Yr4/5 Handball Taster at AAN
FEB	
Fri 8th	Yr5 Gymnastics at AAN
Fri 15th	Class 1 Assembly, 9.30-10am Yr3/4 Gymnastics at AAN School closes for half term
Mon 25th	School re-opens for half term
MAR	
Fri 1st	Yr1 Gymnastics at AAN Class 5 Duxford Trip
Mon 11th	Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm
Wed 13th	Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm
Fri 15th	Yr5 Boys Kwik Cricket at AAN
Fri 22nd	Yr5 Girls Kwik Cricket at AAN
Mon 25th	Class 4 assembly 9-9.20am
Tues 26th	Cluster Dance Show
Wed 27th – Fri 29th	Year 6 Hilltop residential
Thurs 28th	Cluster Dance Show
APR	
Wed 3rd	Class 2 Assembly, 9-9.30am
Fri 5th	Yr3/4 Kwik Cricket at AAN School closes for Easter
Fri 19th	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 22nd	EASTER MONDAY
Tues 23rd	School re-opens for half term

Our revamped website will be launched within the next few days. A huge thank you to Mr Richards and Mrs Musk for their sterling work with this huge task. We hope you like it, but would welcome constructive feedback to help make it even better.

Head's Headlines

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that your children feel re-energised for the term ahead.

The children in Class 4 have welcomed Miss Charlie McLean to their class and are already showing her what hard-working children they are. Miss Hall is particularly thrilled to have such a super job-share partner.

Mrs Watts has seamlessly slipped into her new role in Class 3 and, alongside Mrs Barlow, is beginning to prepare for the Year 2 SATs in the summer term.

This term the children are fully focused on their learning, following the exciting events at the end of last term. Children in Years 1-5 completed a week of assessments just before Christmas and teachers will be sharing 'next steps' with their class. Class 6 completed past SATs papers at the end of last term and Mr Richards and I will be meeting with each child to discuss their personal targets in light of these results.

By the time you receive this, our last two Clevertouch boards will have been installed! Due to your amazing support and generosity towards events organised by the School Council and FOGES we have been able to afford both boards, which has saved the children organising a vote to see which classroom was going to be 'the lucky one'! A huge thank you from all the children and staff.

Here's to a very successful and hard-working term

Kind regards,

Julie Dekker

Reminder: Meeting for parents and children about the Year 6 residential to Hilltop ... Monday 14th January, 6pm at Great Ellingham School.

Just one of the many Christmas memories from last year. Class 1 on their way to the Post Office to post their letters to Father Christmas.



Stop Press News!

During the Autumn Term in conjunction with the Parish Council we had a road safety/speed poster competition. The winning entries all receive a £10 book token and some of the designs will be made up into road signs. The winners are as follows:-

Reception Samuel Donald, Year 1 Amber Austin, Year 2 Oliver Currie, Year 3 Hollie Randall, Year 4 Jasmine Sheppard, Year 5 Theodore Crowter and two Year 6's Charlie Sheeran and Olivia Randall.

Well done to you all!

As it is school census day on Thursday 17th January we will be booking ALL Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children in for a hot school dinner on this day unless the office is contacted to opt a child OUT of this meal.

The school meals provided for these year groups are free to parents but the school budget is impacted negatively if not enough children take the meal on census day. It's all very complicated, but the finance governors are keen that the school does not miss out on vital government money ... times are hard.

Winter weather

As winter is looming, if there is significant snowfall and travel conditions become extremely difficult, then a decision to close the school may be taken. Most staff live a significant distance from the school and it therefore becomes impossible to ensure that sufficient staff can be safely in school before 9am. The decision will be taken as early as possible, most likely before 7am.

Any closure information will be available via local radio announcements and on the Norfolk County Council website for Emergency School Closures:

http://disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures_schools.html

THERE IS A LINK ON THE FRONT PAGE OF OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE for emergency school closures. Let us hope that the weather will be kind this year, as it was last year, when no weather related closures were made.

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