

Great Ellingham Primary News

February 2020



Dates for your diary

FEB	
Mon 24th	School reopens
Thurs 27th	Cl 5 Maths Cafe
MAR	
Wed 4th	Cross Country Finals at Holkham Hall
Thurs 12th	Yr 6 Crucial Crew Trip
Fri 13th	Year 3/4 Kwik Cricket at AAN
Mon 16th	Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm
Tue 17th	Cluster Dance Show, 4.30-7.30pm
Wed 18th	Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm
Thu 19th	Cluster Dance Show at AAN, 4.30-7.30pm
Fri 20th	Year 5 Kwik Cricket
Tues 24th	Cl 2& 3 Banham Zoo Trip
Wed 25th-Fri 27th	Year 6 Hilltop
Fri 27th	Year 4/5 High 5s Netball at AAN
APR	
Wed 1st	School closes for Easter
Fri 10th	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 13th	EASTER MONDAY
Mon 20th	School opens for half term
Fri 24th	Year 4/5/6 After-school Rounders at GE
MAY	
Fri 1st	Yr 1,2,3 & 4 Tri Golf taste Cl 6 GOAL session
Fri 8th	BANK HOLIDAY
Fri 15th	Year 4/5 Outdoor Activities at Eaton Vale
Wed 20th	Sports Day! Including the FOGES BBQ
Fri 22nd	School closes for half term
JUN	
Mon 1st	School reopens for half term

Head's Headlines

Well, what a busy start to the New Year! I can hardly believe we've reached half term already!

All the children have been working hard since we came back after Christmas and it's nice to see them getting stuck in, whether it's Maths, English or PE. We've had a few visitors in this term, teaching the children all about Funrition and having a healthy and balanced lifestyle, as well as teaching them about road safety when they're out and about.

We've had some new children start with us since Christmas and they have been welcomed with friendly faces and kind, helping hands. I'm sure they are settling in nicely and will feel a part of the Great Ellingham 'family' in no time.

In January, we welcomed Mr Johnson, who has been taking an active role in getting to know all the children across both schools. He's been settling in well and I look forward to working with him over the coming months as he supports our children to achieve their very best and become wonderful role models and British citizens.

I can't wait to see how our sports teams get on at the Norfolk Sports Finals this week; good luck to all taking part, I'm so proud of you and how well you're representing our school.

The Class 1 children have been having another super term doing Forest School. Not one of them returns to the classroom without a good helping of mud on their boots/clothes/faces. It's just a shame I can't get stuck in there with them! One of these days...

I have been very pleased to see how well everyone has been doing with their IXL work at home. It really is a super way to embed the learning that is being taught at school and enables your child to share with you the skills they've been learning. Keep up the good work!

The next half term will have lots for us to look forward to, including the Cluster Dance Show at the Academy and the annual Year 6 trip to Hilltop. I look forward to seeing you all push yourself out of your comfort zones and have an amazing time while you're doing it.

The sun has been teasing us for the last few days, regardless of what the wind is doing (!), and hopefully it'll be here to stay. Spring is on its way, everyone, happy days!

Kind regards, Julie Dekker

Stop Press News

Don't forget the Bag2School collection on 6th March! Perhaps use your half term break to have a good sort out of unwanted clothes, shoes, coats, etc.

It has been pleasing to see how many children have been accessing IXL recently. Since September, you have managed to answer 146,000 questions. Well done everyone!

Remember to try and complete the units that you are being taught in lessons. This will help you consolidate what you have learnt.



Maths, but not as we know it...

Have you been doing maths outside of school but in a different context? Have you used maths from a lesson in a real-world context? If you have any pictures of anything maths-related outside of school we would love to see them. If you would like to share, please email your pictures to the school office with a brief description of what you were doing at the time.

The school dinner menu will be changing after Easter. For those who have an order in for the rest of term, please make sure you take a look at the new menu and put a new order in for your child(ren).

Order forms can be found on the website, or ask at the school office.

All orders should be in by the Thursday before to allow time for orders to be placed, with payment please.

We will be emailing out the new menu as soon as we have it, so keep an eye on your inbox!



Would parents please help us by periodically visiting the Ofsted website to leave your views on our school?

There is a link on our school website.

Don't forget to follow your child's class on Twitter.

The class Twitter accounts are:
@geclass1, @geclass2, @geclass3, @geclass4,
@geclass5, @geclass6 and the school is
@gtellinghamsch.

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The Cluster Dance Show at Attleborough Academy is on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March and this year we have Class 1 and Class 4 taking part. The theme is 'Around the World' and we very much look forward to seeing what Mrs Spratt and the classes have been working on.

Children need to be at the Academy at 4.30pm for rehearsals and the show will start at 6pm. These arrangements apply to both nights.

Tickets for the show will be on sale after half term, and we will let you know as soon as we have more details for you.



Girls Football Finals and Cross Country

Good luck to our Girls Football and Cross Country teams, who are taking part in the Norfolk Schools finals events.

The Football Finals are on Thursday 13th February at GOALS in Norwich, and the Cross Country team will be putting their best feet forward on Wednesday 4th March at Holkham Hall.



NOTICES

We would like to remind parents and carers of the uniform code at the school. All children should be in full uniform when they arrive at school, which includes blue cardigan/jumper, white shirt/polo shirt, grey/black trousers/skirt/shorts and appropriate footwear. Full details and where to order from are on our website.

Please make sure that **all** items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name, including coats, hats, gloves, bags, etc.; we currently have an overflowing lost property box of unnamed clothing!

A full PE kit also needs to be in school **ALL WEEK**, including long trousers, jumper and outdoor footwear.

Long hair needs to be tied up and the only jewellery allowed is small studded earrings. Large and/or dangling earrings, bracelets and necklaces should not be worn in school for health and safety reasons. Pupils will be required to remove studded earrings for PE or cover them with tape. Where possible, please remove your child's earrings before they come into school on a PE day.

Please can parents and carers take care and be vigilant when driving and parking outside the school during drop-off and pick-up times. There are many children and adults using the footpaths at these times, as well as other pedestrians, so drivers need to take care negotiating the roadway.

We have had reports of parents parking with two wheels on the pavement at the front of school, which has led to complaints from local residents and contact with the police. Please be mindful of where and how you park and be considerate of other road and pavement users.

Winter weather warning

As winter is here, if there is significant snowfall and travel conditions become extremely difficult then a decision to close the school may be taken. Many of our staff live a significant distance from school and it may not be possible 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.

We will post any updates about school closures on our school website, which should be your first port of call.

There is also a link on the school website to the Norfolk County Council website for Emergency School Closures: www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures_schools.html

Any closure information will also be available via local radio announcements.