



Ellingham Primary School
Strong roots for flourishing futures



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Plans are moving on at a pace and, although I only wrote to you recently, I have further news to share with you today.

Hot Meals on Site

I am delighted to announce that from Monday 16th April (straight after the Easter holidays) we will be providing hot school meals on site, in the school hall.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and a highly recommended external provider and, after February half term, we aim to hold a talk for parents as well as taster sessions for both parents and children. These sessions will also provide opportunities for you to ask questions. Further details will follow in due course.

I would like to say thank you to Chessington Community College for supporting us while we were unable to provide hot meals on site. The staff at CCC have been highly accommodating and the meals fantastic.

You have recently received information about the pupil premium. **For every child that is entitled to the pupil premium the school receives £488, as long as the child is registered this week.**

As well as being entitled to a free school meal (which you may or may not choose to take up), we can then support you with other activities that have a financial implication such as paying for school trips, attending clubs for which there is a charge and buying uniform.

Of course, if you do not want or require additional financial support that pot of money will go into the school budget and be spent for the benefit of all of the children.

Outdoor Area

For some time now we have been discussing outdoor space with the leadership team at CCC and I am delighted to say that we have come to an agreement regarding the area of land on the far side of their MUGA courts, called 'the swale'.

Once we move into the new building Ellingham pupils will have access to this piece of land during our break times, lunchtimes and outdoor learning sessions. As we have completely different timetables Ellingham children will have sole access to this space and will not be using it at the same time as CCC students.

However, as those of you familiar with the swale will know it is overgrown and, as I discovered on a recent visit, has quite a few nettles and other prickly things on it! I have agreed with CCC that, in return for them giving us access to the land, we will provide a gardening task force to give the area a makeover and make it safe. So, if you have any gardening knowledge (or are just handy with a spade) we would love to hear from you – including dates and times that you could be available. Please contact the office or speak to me in the playground either before or after school. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support.

After school club

In the near future our after school club will move from the Hook centre onto the school's site, and be based in the hall. 'Chill Out' will continue to deliver this excellent wrap around care. Breakfast club runs daily from 7.45am until the beginning of the school day and after school club will run from 3.15pm until 6pm. Annette Light will be contacting all parents, those who currently use the provision and those who might like to, very soon. However, if you would like to beat the rush, you can ring Annette on 07939 314471.

Building Update

Last week school staff attended several building and transport meetings. Unfortunately it seems that the building contractors have been unable to claw back time that was lost earlier in the project and we have a revised date in June to move in to the new building. While this is disappointing I do believe that there are some benefits to a later moving date. Firstly, the period between Easter and May half term is used to undertake a lot of our assessment work, particularly in Years 2 and 6. By staying where we are, until June, there should be minimal disruption to SATs tests etc.

Secondly, as you are aware, once we move into the new building we will be borrowing outdoor space from St Philip's and CCC while the builders complete the demolition of the old building and landscaping. Hopefully now the majority of this work will take place over the summer holidays and we will have less time without a playground.

Obviously, handover and completion dates are still dependent on the weather being kind to us – so fingers crossed!

Parent-teacher consultations

These will be held in the hall next Monday. The work for children in Years 1 to 6 will be available in their classrooms for you to look at, either before or after your meeting with their teacher. There will be benches and books set out in the hall for any children who have to be brought along however, in order that you can have a full and frank discussion it is often better, if possible, for you to leave children at home or at a friend's.

Yours Sincerely,



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