



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will see from this week's newsletter, there are several events taking place including Classics week, Safer Internet Day & Parents' Evening, all of which you can find out more about in the articles below. There is also some feedback from our Chair of Governors about the Review Day the Governing Body held last week. As always, if there is any further information you would like to appear please let us know so we can ensure this newsletter is as helpful as possible. Thank you.

Sue Ferguson

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is this Thursday (8th) for all classes. If you have not yet arranged to meet your child's teacher we would urge you to do so as soon as possible, but please be aware that your preferred time slot may already have been allocated. Please note that after school clubs will not be running on this day.



For this event please **access the school through main reception**, you will then be directed via the hall towards your child's class. In the hall there will be

- The chance to meet our governors;
- Information about Mandarin;
- Support on how to access your child's online support programs such as Bug Club and Mathletics;
- The opportunity to try some of the school dinner options that will be on our next menu (we have ordered more so hopefully we do not run out this time!);
- Information on how to support your child if they have Special Educational Needs
- The opportunity to purchase CGP books to support your child at home (costs are listed below)

KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Combined Study and Question - £2.00
 Grammar Punctuation and Spelling - £2.00
 Mental Maths - £2.00

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Maths Study - £2.50
 Maths Question – £2.00
 Grammar Punctuation and Spelling – £3.50
 Times tables – £2.00

Classics Week

To celebrate our annual Classics Week, our children have had the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the wonderful works of the bard, William Shakespeare.



Each year group across the school has focused on one of Shakespeare's many plays, exploring the storylines along with the rich local history that accompanies them. Classes are also embracing their inner actors by engaging in a range of drama activities, which they will hopefully get the chance to perform. We want classics week to leave Ellen Wilkinson Primary with a new found and long lasting appreciation for the stories and language of one of the great literary minds.

Mr Kimberley

Reception & Year 1 Parents

As you may have noticed, we have changed our morning procedures a little. This has been done in order to ensure that children in these classes are starting the school day quickly and at the same time as all other pupils. To support this we are asking parents to remain on the main playground and not come along the tarmac path or stand right in front of it as we are trying to get 120 children along this access route. We appreciate your support in this matter.



Governing Body Review Day

There were a few additional faces in the hall at lunchtime last Thursday when governors



sat down with members of the Junior Governing Body to sample an excellent school dinner and then be shown round the facilities available for pupils to use in the playground. In the afternoon we also spent some time visiting different classes around the school, talking to teachers and looking at children's work. As always, we were all very impressed by the excellent behaviour and learning focus of all the children we saw and the outstanding commitment of staff.

This was part of our annual Self Review where Ms Ferguson, senior staff and Governors meet together to reflect on what the school has achieved over the past year and discuss what is planned for the future. Seeing the children at lunch and in their classes helps Governors appreciate how all the staff at Ellen Wilkinson work as a team to ensure that every child is kept safe, enjoys school and makes the best possible progress. The Self Review will be available for all to read on the school website soon.

Marie Christie, Chair of Governors

Advance Notice - Polling Station – Thursday 3rd May 2018



It has now been confirmed that the school building will be required as a polling station for the Local Elections on Thursday 3rd May. **Therefore school will be closed to pupils on this day.** We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

E-Safety - Tip of the Week

Subject: Safer Internet Day - Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you.

Using the internet safely begins with us – how can we help our children to use it respectfully and responsibly?

1. It starts with staying safe online.

Keep your personal information safe and check with an adult before you share anything online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and passwords.

Never agree to meet up with someone you only know online. No matter how friendly they might seem or how well you think you know them, they are still a stranger. Always tell a trusted adult if someone online asks to meet up.

2. It starts with being a good friend.

Remember that behind every screen is a real person. Being kind and positive online is just as important as being kind and positive face-to-face.

3. It starts with saying sorry.

Even when we're trying really hard to be a good friend online, things can still go wrong. If you ever upset someone online, even if it wasn't on purpose, then saying sorry is a really powerful and positive action to take.

4. It starts with taking a step back.

Being online is great – there are so many fun and exciting things to do! But being connected all the time can get a little stressful. If being online is making you feel worried, upset or confused, it's always worth taking a step back and having a break from your online activities.

5. It starts with asking for help.

It's okay to feel worried or upset by something you see online – just make sure you speak to someone about it! Always tell an adult you trust if you see anything that worries you online.

For more information, please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Selasia	Respect (For always being respectful towards others and property. Fantastic role model)
6 Whale	Petar	Respect (For an improvement on how he conducts himself in class)
5 Dolphin	George	Resilience (For working hard to learn a new language)
5 Stingray	Yusuf K	Successful (For his fantastic questioning skills at the Royal Courts of Justice as a defence solicitor)
4 Octopus	Nikita	Inspire (For an inspiring performance in our class assembly)
4 Seahorse	Maarya	Successful (For working hard in Maths)
3 Lobster	Daisy	Resilience (For continuously trying your best. Well done)
3 Turtle	Elisha	Successful (For her new attitude towards her schooling)
2 Jellyfish	Emily-Grace	Resilience (For not giving up when completing her Maths challenges)
2 Starfish	Tade	Inspire (For writing a great story in English)
1 Clownfish	Lauryn	Inspire (For working hard in all her lessons, helping others and for excellent behaviour. Well done)
1 Lionfish	Ermal	Successful (For his reasoning in Maths about 3D shapes)
Guppy 1	Maya	Successful (For her brilliant Phonics learning this week)

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at their own special table at lunchtime that day.

House Winners



Congratulations to everyone in **Mo Farah** House for having the most house points for the week ending 26th January
 Congratulations to everyone in **Nelson Mandela** House for having the most house points for the week ending 2nd February

Attendance and Punctuality Winners



Attendance winners for the week ending 19th January are: **Jellyfish and Seahorse = 100%**
 Punctuality Winners for the week ending December are : **Dolphin, Octopus, Lobster, Jellyfish, Starfish and Lionfish = 0 lates**
 Attendance winners for the week ending 26th January are: **Jellyfish = 99.17%**
 Punctuality Winners for the week ending 26th January are : **Shark Stingray, Seahorse, Turtle, Lobster, starfish and Lionfish = 0 lates**



Upcoming Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 8 th	2.45 p.m.	3	Turtle class assembly	YES
Thu 8 th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents evening	YES
12th – 16th		All	HALF TERM	
Wed 21 st	2.30 p.m.	1-6	Parents Meeting – Attendance & Punctuality	YES
Fri 23 rd	N/A	1-6	Learning Fair	NO
Wed 28 th	2.30 p.m.	5	Year 5 Fairplay House parents meeting	YES

MARCH

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 1 st	N/A	All	World Book Day	NO



Thu 1 st	2.45 p.m.	6	Whale class assembly	YES
Fri 2 nd	9 am & 2 pm	All	Parents Meeting – Inclusion (event repeated)	YES