



ELTHAM
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SINCE 1814

Newsletter – Autumn Term 1

Week 3 #21

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have had! It is so good to get into classrooms to see the children so engaged in their learning. As I showed visitors around this week, they commented (as many often do) on how focussed and calm the children are as they learn.

COFFEE MORNING. Many thanks for your support with the coffee morning and to those who contributed to Chisimdi's collection. There will be more details about how this is being spent in the coming weeks. A letter from Reverend Caroline will be sent out today to give details of the funeral. We hope many of the school community will attend in support of the family, if they wish to.

RECEPTION WELCOME SERVICE It was lovely to see so many of our new families together with those who are already part of the Eltham family at Eltham Parish Church yesterday for our welcome service. Many thanks to Year 5 children, for accompanying the new children down to the church, and to Reverend Caroline for organising and blessing the children (and for the biscuits!).

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS DEADLINE IS 31st October 2024

If your child is currently In Year 6, you will need to complete an application for secondary school before the date above. Please click [here](#) for the timeline and details of local schools.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We always welcome any volunteers who can help out for an hour or two a week (or more!). This could be reading with children, gardening in the Edible Playground or assisting in classes for specific lessons. Please speak to the school office for more information.

COMMUNICATION. Just a reminder that should you wish to discuss something that has happened during the school day, the first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher. You can send an email through the class account or speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Please do not approach or speak directly with other children or families to rectify issues that occur during school.

WHATSAPP. I have previously advised several times about the appropriate use of WhatsApp groups linked to the school community. Parent/Carer groups should only be used to communicate school operational information e.g. PE day changes, questions about upcoming events/trips, etc. Messages regarding other individuals from the school community including staff, children or other parents/carers, are unhelpful and often unkind. Also, as a reminder, Children should be 13 years old before they have their own WhatsApp account ([see here](#))

Wishing you all the very best of weekends with rest and time doing what you enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday ready for more learning.

Very best wishes

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of
one body you were called to peace. Colossians 3:15

Harvest Festival at Eltham Parish Church St Johns -KS1 Classes 9:30am / KS2 Classes 2pm (children will return to school afterwards and be collected at normal times)

Parents' Evenings - 22nd / 23rd October (bookings open soon)

Individual and sibling photos - 22nd/ 23rd October

HALF TERM Mon 28th October - Fri 1st November - Children return on Monday 4th November.

CHRISTMAS EVENT DATES (to follow)

Last Day of Autumn Term - Thursday 19th December 1:30pm finish.

INSET day Friday 20th December