

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a busy few weeks across the Eltham family – there is so much to be proud of!

We have been thinking about our school value of **ENTHUSIASM** over the past few weeks. This is clearly something your children excel in. They are always so enthusiastic about their learning and throw themselves into new tasks and activities. We have also been thinking about how we can be enthusiastic for others and build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5v11). The children have been excellent at thinking of ways to do this and incorporating our other values alongside this e.g. [Love](#) and [Forgiveness](#).

Many thanks to parents/carers who attended **KS1 Sports Day**. It is always great to see how the children champion each other and they were excited to have their adults in the school playground cheering them on.

Our **Year 5 children visited Trinity Primary School** last Thursday. Often when trips and visits are carried out, I receive feedback about how the trip went or a member of the public might get in touch. I have to share with you the amazing feedback I received from the staff at Trinity School. I have included a paragraph from one of the teachers who taught them during their visit.

"They (the children) were confident, highly engaged, asked insightful questions and eloquently articulated intelligent answers to some quite challenging philosophical questions! It was a genuine delight to teach them, and I was blown away by how deeply they were able to think and reflect on abstract ideas. Their ability to listen to each other and discuss their thoughts with their partner was well above expectations. Their handwriting and pride in presentation was also exemplary. It is obvious that your school is an excellent environment for children of all abilities to learn and thrive in."

We also received an answerphone message from a member of the public who saw our Year 1 children on their way to their recent trip to Creekside. They commented on how well behaved they were, how they were quietly chatting with their friends and how the adults were so engaged with the children too! This feedback always makes me burst with pride for our wonderful children. They represent the school so well and tell the outside world that this is the school to be part of!

This week we have been celebrating our **READING FESTIVAL**. It is so good to remind ourselves of our reading pledge and how we will always make reading a priority. Many thanks for attending the in-class reading sessions, if you were able to.

We are currently in a period of very hot weather so please ensure the children come to school with a sun-hat (named), their water bottle and having already applied sunscreen.

Many thanks for your ongoing support – it is greatly appreciated!

Very best wishes

Matt Wills

Headteacher

**Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing
1 Thessalonians 5v11**

Dates for your diary

Summer Fair SATURDAY 12th July

Year 6 Leavers Service Friday 18th July 10am

LAST DAY OF TERM Tuesday 22nd July (1:30pm finish)