



**ELTHAM**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SINCE 1814

## Newsletter – Autumn Term 1

### Week 2 #19

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so good to see the children settled in their classrooms, fully engaged in learning this week. I'd like to especially welcome our new families – mostly in Nursery and Reception but also in other classes across the school. We already love having you as part of the Eltham family! The start of a new academic year is always busy but this year, we have been also dealing with the loss of Chisimdi. We really miss him. Many thanks for your support for the family and staff. The children have all written something for the condolence book which we will pass to Chisimdi's family in the coming days.

**Attendance and Punctuality** – Mrs Day will have sent you a Parent mail earlier today about attendance. When booking holidays, please only book during school holidays. We are unable to authorise any absences during term time (only in exceptional circumstances).

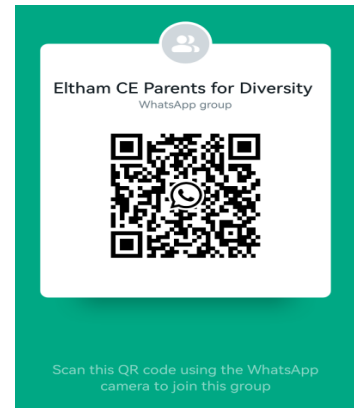
**COFFEE MORNING!** Please come along for a quick cup of tea/coffee with the PTA next Tuesday at 9:15am. We especially welcome our new families of children in Nursery and Reception. The annual AGM will be after the coffee morning.

As the weather changes, please ensure children are coming in wearing the **correct uniform**.

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

Matt Wills  
Headteacher



Please see the QR code above. This group is for parents in the school to share information from and about EDI matters and information about upcoming meetings.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS DEADLINE IS 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

If your child is currently In Year 6, you will need to complete an application before this date. 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, assisting in classes for specific lessons. Please speak to the school office for more information.

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.  
1 Peter 3:8

### **Dates for your diary (events at school unless otherwise stated)**

**Reception (EYFS) Maths workshop** 16<sup>th</sup> September 3:45pm  
**PTA Coffee morning followed by AGM** - 17<sup>th</sup> September 9:15am  
**Reception Welcome service** - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2pm at Eltham Parish Church St Johns  
**Harvest Festival** - 4<sup>th</sup> October 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** - 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> October (bookings open soon)  
**Individual and sibling photos** - 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
**HALF TERM** Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> November - Children return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.  
**CHRISTMAS EVENT DATES** (to follow)  
**Last Day of Autumn Term** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm finish.  
**INSET day** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December