



ELTHAM
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Reception Meeting

July 2023

Welcome to Eltham C of E

Since 1814



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Agenda

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- Reading and Writing
- Tapestry – Assessment
- School Uniform
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- Preparing for September
- Future Parent Meetings

Reception Structure

Mrs Griffiths: EYFS Phase Leader & North Class Teacher

Monday to Thursday

Mrs Ferguson: North Class Teacher on Friday

Mrs Pender - Early Years Practitioner for North Class

Ms Grattan: Corbett Class Teacher

Mrs Jones: Early Years Practitioner for Corbett Class

Reception Structure Continued

- We are 2 classes – North and Corbett - We have 2 separate carpet areas and a shared learning area inside.
- We have free flow into our outdoor area which both classes share.
- We take part in daily collective worship either as a whole School or as a class.
- We follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum – more on this on the next slide and a future meeting in September to cover this in more detail.
- Your child's day will consist of daily Literacy, Maths and Phonics sessions as well as continuous access to all the areas of Learning included in our curriculum.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum

Prime Areas:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Both the Prime and Specific areas will be taught through

- **Playing and exploring**
- **Active Learning**
- **Creating and thinking critically**

At the end of the Year the children are assessed against the Early Learning Goals for each curriculum area.

Reading and Writing

- **Phonics** is a way of teaching children to read and write. It is the ability to hear, identify, and manipulate sounds and understand the link between the sound (phoneme) and the way it is written (grapheme).
- We follow the **ELS** programme. This is a phonics programme in which individual letters or letter sounds are 'blended' to form groups of letters or sounds, and those groups are then blended to form complete words.
- As well as the teaching of phonics, there is also a focus on comprehension and reading for pleasure.
- In our planning we use high quality texts to engage and enthuse the children.
- Children will be encouraged to bring home books from our class library to share with you.
- Children will also bring home a book suitable for their stage of reading.
- An adult will read with each child once a week.

Parent Meeting to follow in September. Please attend - important information for phonics and reading

Tapestry



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

- Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal to record photos, videos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us
- We use Tapestry to assess the children's progress throughout the year and to provide next steps that you can work on at home.
- You are also encouraged to contribute to their Tapestry. There is a free app that sends you notifications of your child's independent achievements – more information to follow in September for new parents to our School. Nursery already use this system and so those parents will already be familiar with how it works.

School Uniform

- **School Uniform can be purchased from: JK Clothing – The nearest branch to school is 148 Well Hall road, Eltham.**
- Reception has a very specific uniform which is designed to encourage and comply with our very active Early Years Curriculum.
- Reception Uniform **must** contain the following:
 1. Black tracksuit bottoms with the School Logo or black leggings
 2. Burgundy jumper or cardigan with the School Logo
 3. White polo shirt with the School Logo
 4. School Book Bag
 5. Black trainer style Velcro shoes – for climbing and to encourage independence
 6. A waterproof coat with a hood
 7. Hair tied back
 8. Water bottle - sports cap / Only water
 9. No Jewelry - only stud earrings.
 10. **Please ensure all items are CLEARLY labelled with your child's first and second names.**

Arrival at School

North Class will start School on: Tuesday 5th September 2023

North Class – Tuesday to Thursday - 8.45am – 11.30am (come in Archery Road gate – collection from Roper Street Entrance)

North Class – Friday 8.45am – 1.30pm (the children will be staying for lunch) (collection from Roper Street Entrance)

From Monday 11th September 2023 all children will attend full time 8:45am – 3:25pm
(Arrival and collection from Archery Road)

Generally:

- Always use the Archery Road gates during School opening hours (8:45 to 9:00am and 3:20 to 3:45). Roper Street is only for access to the office and picking children up outside of the gate opening times.

Arrival at School

Corbett Class will start School on: Tuesday 5th September 2023

Corbett Class – Tues day to Thursday - 12.45pm – 3.25pm (come in **Roper Street Entrance– Archery Road gate)**

**Corbett Class – Friday 8.45am – 1.30pm (the children will be staying for lunch)
(arrival at Archery Road - **collection from Roper Street Entrance**)**

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3:25pm
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Birthdays at Eltham C of E

We will help you to celebrate your child's birthday but... we ask that you do not send in sweets, cakes or party bags.

You don't have to send anything in, we will make them feel special that day...but should you want to, some things that have worked in the past and are in tune to our Healthy School status are:

- Variety of fruit
- A gift of one book for the whole class to enjoy and keep.
- Creative supplies for our Creative Table i.e. pipe cleaners, craft paper etc..

We will hand out invites for Birthday parties if it's for the entire class. You are of course welcome to invite select individuals but we would ask that you hand them out yourself outside of School hours.

How can you prepare them for September?

- We only ask that your child is happy and confident to come to Eltham C of E. Have positive conversations about School talking through the things they are looking forward to.
- Please do take the Summer to ensure that any toileting issues are resolved to allow for maximum independence in this area.
- In September we would ask that you say goodbye to your child at the classroom door. We have found that Parents and Carers entering the classroom with them has led to unsettled children. Handing over this space to the children has seen a positive transition from home to School.

Parent Meetings to Follow in September:

- Tapestry Drop in session: For any troubleshooting issues - **Monday 11th September 3.30pm**
- Supporting Early Maths in Reception - **Monday 18th September 3.30pm**
- Supporting Early Reading and Writing in Reception - **Thursday 28th September 3.30pm**

Thank you for taking the time to join us today.

We look forward to welcoming you to our School community

Questions?