



ELTHAM
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Newsletter – Summer Term 2

Week 2 #18

Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been so much to celebrate as a school! The **phonics screening** was the focus for Year 1 – they did brilliantly and their result will be shared in their end of year report. Year Two children have been doing the **KS1 SATs** together – these are non-statutory this year but so helpful for the team when thinking about what the children need to work on as they progress into Key Stage 2 in a few weeks time. They all did so well and should be so proud of themselves, I certainly am!

Summer Fair – The PTA are working SO hard to prepare for our annual Summer Fair. I'm asking for two things please – 1. Please buy tickets – this event is one not to miss! 2. A plea for volunteers... Are you able to spare an hour to volunteer at the many stalls and activities please? The PTA are on the playground every morning and after school with a 'sign-up' sheet for volunteering. Many thanks, in advance!

Reading at home – In the Autumn Term, we will have a real focus on reading at home. Learning to read well really is the gateway to everything else in the world. If your children can read well, they can access everything else. Many thanks for reading with your child or reminding them to read independently a bit at home every day. Our expectation is that a comment should be recorded in the reading record every day – this is the most important 'homework'.

Just to mention again - some parents/carers have asked me about whether the school will be open on polling day for the general election. **We are not a polling station** for local residents so it is business as usual on July 4th!

The Department for Education state that we must provide at least 32.5 hours of education for your children. Many thanks for ensuring your child is in school EVERY DAY and on time. Just a reminder that learning begins at **8:55am** with the gates opening at 8:45am and children can enter their classroom at 8:50am. Please see our website [here](#) for more information about our school day. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

On another attendance note, please do not book holidays during term time. 108 children did this during the current school year. We are currently liaising with the Royal Borough of Greenwich Attendance Team who may issue penalty charge notices for future holiday bookings.

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

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2 vs 8

Dates for your diary

Sports Day – KS2 am at Sutcliffe Park / KS1 pm in school – Wednesday 26th June

Summer Fair – Saturday 29th June

International Week – 1-5 July

Music Festival 3:45pm on 5th July – ALL Welcome! **Free entry.**

Year 6 Leavers Service 19th July 10am at Eltham Parish Church

Last day of Term Tuesday 23rd July **1:30pm finish**