



**ELTHAM**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## Newsletter – Spring Term 2

### Week 1 #13

**Friday 23rd February 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so good to all be back together for our whole school collective worship on Monday. I hope you all had a good half term. It is so wonderful to hear about all the new learning going on this week. I've got a few things to mention and let you know – please let me know if you have any questions about these.

Our value this term is '**Forgiveness**'. We especially think about this value now as we are in Lent and look forward to Easter Sunday! It was good to talk about forgiveness in my Monday morning collective worship. We discussed how it's not always easy to forgive or to say sorry.

**Plant a Seed Day – 12<sup>th</sup> March** – I hope we will see our edible playground awash with flowers in the coming months following 'National Plant a Seed' day. Your donations of flower seeds would be gratefully received.

**Many thanks to the PTA** for the disco for the children yesterday. It was so good to see so many children having a boogie and clearly having so much fun!

**Class email addresses** – the email addresses directly to your class teacher are a valuable communication tool. Please be aware that emails sent to these addresses will be monitored regularly but teachers are unable to give an immediate response. I have asked teachers to try to respond within 48-72 hours. If the message is urgent, please call the school office.

**Absence and punctuality** – You will be aware that school absence is in the news at the moment and a focus for school leaders across the country. You will have received a letter from Florence Kroll, (Director of Children's Services RBG) about this. I am unable to authorise any absence for holidays and can only authorise other absences in exceptional circumstances. Therefore, my expectation would be that all children are here every day and on time please.

**Uniform** – We will be keeping a close eye on school uniform over the coming weeks and we will be asking **ALL** families to adhere to the policy. I've included the uniform policy below. Just a reminder that jewellery should not be worn to school. Stud ear-rings can be worn but not hoops please! Hair accessories should be kept simple and should be in the school colours.

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

**Colossians 3:13** "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

### Dates for your diary

**Science Week** – w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

**Last Day of Spring Term** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm finish

### Winter Uniform (year groups 1-6)

Boys (Years 1-6)	Girls (Years 1-6)
Grey trousers or shorts White collared cotton shirt School tie School sweatshirt or maroon V-neck pullover Dark socks	Grey skirt, culottes type skirt, pinafore dress or trousers White collared cotton shirt School tie School sweatshirt or maroon pullover or cardigan Plain white socks or grey tights (preferably), black tights are acceptable

### Winter Uniform

#### Reception

White school polo shirt  
Black school jogging bottoms

**OR**

plain black leggings

School sweatshirt or maroon pullover or cardigan  
Black school shoes/trainers  
Waterproof coat with a hood

### Summer Uniform (year groups 1-6)

Boys	Girls
Grey shorts White school polo shirt School sweatshirt or maroon V-neck pullover Grey socks	Summer dresses with sleeves covering the upper arm and covering up to the neck at the front and back or White school polo shirt with a skirt in summer dress material Plain white socks

### Summer Uniform

#### Reception

White school polo shirt  
Grey tailored shorts  
School sweatshirt or cardigan  
**OR**  
School dress (with shorts underneath)  
School sweatshirt or cardigan  
Black school shoes/trainers  
Waterproof coat with a hood

## Footwear and coats

Lightweight coat or anorak with hood

**Black, brown or navy shoes or sandals (suitable for playground use).** 'Hi' shoes which come up to the ankle may be worn

No boots which extend above the ankle

No sling backs or open toes

No significant/highly visible branding/logos

Laced shoes when a child can dress independently

Boots maybe worn to and from school in snowy/icy weather provided school shoes are sent in for changing

## PE kit

Black sports shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms

School maroon PE T-shirt (school sweatshirts may be worn over)

Trainers or plimsols (no significant/high visible branding/logos)

Plimsols/trainers for games or dance

## Book bags

### School bags – school issue only

School book bags must be used for children in Reception to Year 6.

This allows for the efficient access to home reading material and safe storage in class.

If children prefer to use a rucksack, the school rucksack is now available to purchase from:

JK Clothing, Well Hall Road.

Large rucksacks must not be used as they cannot be stored safely in class and are a trip hazard.