



Dear Eltham Family

Gathering the Eltham Family back together after a break is always something to look forward to. I do hope you all had a great week off - although it already feels like a distant memory! I can't quite believe we're already in the second half of this academic year!

Thank you so much for attending the **Parents'/Carers' Evenings** this week. There is always a wonderful atmosphere around the school during these evenings and it is so good for you all to hear about all the achievements and progress the children are making. Thank you also for finding your child's artwork within the exhibition. I'm sure you will agree with me that what they all created is exceptional. We are, as always, all SO proud of each and every child!

Over the past few weeks we have spent a lot of time thinking about how being a Church of England Primary School sets us apart. There is much to be celebrated in our faith status and we are proud to share our **Christian vision** with the many people who visit us. Please see the attached overview of the Christian vision.

Uniform - At Eltham Church of England Primary School, we take pride in the uniform we wear. This uniform has been in place for a number of years and is part of the rich history within our school. Please see the link [here](#) for our school uniform expectations. I feel that these expectations have slipped in recent months. As the weather has been consistently cold over the past few weeks, we hope that children will be able to move to the Summer uniform imminently. The Winter uniform should be worn currently. Just a reminder that the Winter uniform includes a collared shirt/blouse **with the school tie**. If you do not have collared shirts/blouses at home, there is no expectation at this stage to purchase them unless you wish to do so but I am aiming to give you advance warning that we will be adhering more closely to our uniform policy in the Autumn. There will also be clearer notice of when the Winter and Summer uniform should be worn.

Parents/Carers' Prayer Group – just a reminder that the prayer group meet in the MayWhit Café every Thursday at 9am. This is a time of fellowship for school community. All members of the Eltham family are welcome.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with lots of rest and time doing what you enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday ready for more exciting learning.

Very best wishes

Matt Wills

Headteacher

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2 v 10**

Calendar Dates

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

School breaks up - Friday 4th April (1:30pm finish)

Back to school - Tuesday 22nd April

Easter Services - Wednesday 23rd April AM and PM - times and classes tbc

WHOLE CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS - Tuesday 3rd/Wednesday 4th June (FULL Summer uniform for all children please!)

INSET Day - Friday 13th June - No children in school

At Eltham Church of England Primary School, we take God's direction to Micah as instructions to live by - "To **ACT JUSTLY** and to **LOVE MERCY** and to **WALK HUMBLY** with your God". This vision forms the basis of everything we do.

ACT JUSTLY

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6v31

Learn to do good, seek justice, correct oppression Isaiah 1v17

Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right Psalm 106 v6

Our behaviour principles and the way we treat each other—children and adults. How we 'do the right thing'.

Our value of **RESPECT**

What we do when no-one is looking—**INTEGRITY JUSTICE**—social justice/being aware of what might be unjust

Courageous Advocacy – speaking out for those who can't speak for themselves

LOVE MERCY

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you. John 13v34

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4v32

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion Psalm 116v5

We show love because God first loved us.

Our values including **LOVE, FORGIVENESS** and **UNDERSTANDING** remind us of what God has done for us.

Reflecting God's faithfulness and His mercy

Our '**Love Mercy**' Charity work across all year groups

Mercy ministries—'Love and serve the Poor' – Food bank, Greenwich Winter Night Shelter, etc

WALK HUMBLY

In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3v6

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and loved, clothe yourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3v12

Our relationship with God

How we live our lives

Our values including **RESILIENCE** and **ENTHUSIASM**

How we learn, our curriculum and extra-curricular activities and enrichment

What we learn about God both through Religious education but also as the vision is lived out

Collective Worship and Prayer — a valued part of our day