



ELTHAM
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MESSAGE FROM MR BULPITT

Dear Parents and Carers,

2018 is well underway and the school continues to be an exciting and enjoyable place to teach and learn.

Today, Dr Karowei Bishop of Woolwich, visited the school and led our time of Collective Worship. He was impressed with our school's sense of community and care for one another.

Our value this half term has been Forgiveness and Mrs Leonard is leading a project with the children to re-design part of our outside area into a prayer and reflection garden. We are looking forward to watching this grow in the coming months.

We have had a number of other visitors to the school this half term. Mr Cooper from the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education visited to see how mathematics is taught and children's understanding developed, The Eltham Society came to award the school 'The Eltham Society Award' for the "Restoration of the historic building and the improvements to the facilities for children".

Furthermore, Headteachers and senior leaders from a number of Greenwich schools, and from as far as Guernsey have all been coming to look at the school's teaching, our support strategies, the children's books and the level of high quality work they produce.

Please make sure you note that Parent Consultation Evenings are on 20th and 21st March, where you will have a chance to look through your child's work this year and find out how they are progressing against the National End of Year standards.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Bulpitt
Executive Headteacher

Charlie Rhodes
Head of School

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PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

These are being held on 20th
and 21st March.



SPORT AT ELTHAM



ELTHAM VS. WOODHILL

Our girls football team had their second competitive match against Woodhill Primary School.

They are really developing as a team and are much more confident in their positions.

The girls were convincing winners overall with Aaliyah scoring five goals, Amelia and Ivaila scoring two goals each and Maisey scoring the goal in the last quarter. The final score was 10-2 to Eltham.

ELTHAM VS. CHRISTCHURCH

The Year 4 boys had their first football match against Christchurch. All the boys played extremely well and demonstrated great sportsmanship.

The match was played in four quarters and we won each one without conceding a goal. The final score was 7-0.

Our scorers were Ajisola (1), Stanley (2), Nicholas (2), Kyle (1) and Alexander (1)

Well done Year 4 on a great first match.



DODGEBALL

Our first competitive event in 2018 was a Dodgeball competition at Plumstead Manor.

The team were selected by the Year 6 class teachers – Souffian, Casey, Ethan, Scarlett, Maisha and Rylee. Despite only having a couple of practise sessions the team participated well and enjoyed the competition.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Debenham said the children were enthusiastic and demonstrated good team spirit. Dodgeball is played as best of five two-minute games. After the competition all the children were keen to improve their skills in this game and have another go.

RUGBY

This term, Year 6 have been coached in Tag Rugby during their PE sessions. They enjoyed learning this new sport so we entered teams into two rugby competitions.

For both events the children came back to school very positive about the sport and the competition even though they did not win. At each event the children conducted themselves brilliantly and learnt new skills that they then transferred to their PE lessons in school. We are hoping to develop this sport at Eltham.



FRENCH AT ELTHAM



FRENCH UPDATE

It has been very colourful in French lessons this term.

Year 2 have been learning to describe the colour of animals and have also practised how to say which toys they like and dislike. Year 3 have been learning about Mardi Gras traditions around the world and the links to Shrove Tuesday. They shared their new knowledge in a whole school assembly where they paraded through in Mardi Gras carnival style to music whilst showing off their stunning handmade masks. Year 4 have learnt how to include time connectives to create a paragraph about their morning routine. Year 5 have been getting to grips with describing their ideal bedroom and their ideas have been very interesting indeed. Year 6 have been giving opinions about different art genres and learning about French artists.

Keep up the good work and don't forget to continue your French learning at home by logging on to www.linguascope.com.



DR KAROWEI BISHOP OF WOOLWICH



ATTENDANCE FOR SPRING TERM 1

At Eltham Church of England Primary School we continue to promote and celebrate good attendance and punctuality.

Not only is good attendance beneficial to pupils' achievements it is also an excellent 'life skill'.

We also use the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Attendance Advisory Service to monitor and support our management of pupil attendance.

Under Fast Track, families will be informed when their child's attendance has crossed the threshold even when all absences have been correctly documented and understood. If a child's attendance continues to decline and gives the AAO a cause for concern, then a meeting between the school, the parents and the advisory service is convened.

The school's target is to ensure that whole school attendance is consistently above 97% and better still above 97.5%

Can I remind parents that all absences need to be supported with a written letter outlining the reason for the absence as soon as your child returns to school.

Also, that all holiday will be recorded as unauthorised, however a child's overall attendance will be taken into account when consideration is given to the Fast Track procedures.

Class Attendance since September 2017

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| Corbett | 96.1 |
| North | 96.3 |
| Bek | 97.2 |
| Mills | 96.7 |
| Archery | 96.6 |
| Tarn | 98.2 |
| Sherard | 96.2 |
| Shaw-Brooke | 97.0 |
| Nesbit | 96.8 |
| Gregory | 97.7 |
| Chaucer | 97.2 |
| WG Grace | 96.9 |
| Roper | 96.5 |
| Avery | 96.6 |
| TOTAL | 96.8 |

SAFEGUARDING



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Earlier this week, the whole school participated in Safer Internet Day. We thought about the ways in which use of the internet can be both positive and negative. In our classes, we discussed what we should do if something makes us unhappy when we are using the internet.

Further up the school we also discussed our responsibilities as citizens on the internet. In particular, we thought about how our words and actions online are easily misread, and that we should take care to avoid this. We look forward to learning more about internet safety throughout the school year.

Year 6 wrote and performed about being safe on the internet with Mr Timothy from The Songwriting Charity. Please turn to page 12 for more information.



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL DINNER

Dinner money for next term will be £75.40 and is payable by Agora.

Please let the school office know if your child is changing meal pattern.

NEAR ACCIDENTS

We strongly advise that parents/carers and children cross Archery Road by using either the pedestrian crossing outside The Eltham Centre or with the Crossing Patrol Officer at the junction of Archery Road and Orangery Lane. Members of staff have witnessed two incidents of parents/carers crossing Archery Road with their children and almost being run over by on-coming cars.

Adding to this problem are cars that are parking along Archery Road. Please do not park on the yellow lines or the yellow zig zag lines outside the school. The car park in Orangery Lane is free before 9.00am so please use this facility.

We all have a shared responsibility to ensure the safety of all the children attending our school.

If your child travels to school on their own, please can you stress the importance of crossing roads safely.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

CONFIRMED ILLNESS

If your child has a confirmed illness, such as chicken pox or measles, please could you inform the school office. There are children in school with a low immunity system and we need to let the parents know if there is a case confirmed.

MEDICINE

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the school is only able to administer medicine that has been prescribed for four times a day.

ARCHERY ROAD GATE

As you are all aware the main entrance for dropping children to school is on Archery Road. Please be reminded the gate closes at 9am. If you arrive after this time please drop your child to the entrance on Roper Street.

SCHOOL DISCO

The school disco is being held on Friday 23rd February. The tickets are £2.50 and can be purchased via the School Office. Please send the money in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked. Please send the exact money as no change can be given.

Reception and infants disco starts at 4:30pm and finishes at 5:30pm and juniors disco is from 6pm to 7pm.

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

North and Corbett will be taking their teddy bears on a picnic. Please look out for the letter that is being sent home for more information.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book day is being held on Thursday 1st March. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character on this day. Please look out for the ParentMail that is being sent to all parents for more information.

COOL MILK

Could parents please check if their child would like to continue having milk. We have a lot of milk left over where children are not drinking it and don't want you to waste your money.

NURSERY COLLECTION

When you collect your child from nursery please could parents and carers leave their buggies against the wall in the playground, as you come through the wooden gate. This is to help avoid congestion as other parents come into the playground to collect their children from school.

If your child is asleep in the buggy then this is an exception to the rule. Thank you for your understanding.



WHAT'S NEW FROM HOPE CLASS

BUSY BUSY BUSY

Wow it has been a busy term in Hope Class. The children have adapted very well to the new staffing structure and are responding well to the systems set up in class, especially Star of the Day and Dojo Points. Outdoor learning continues to be a key focus and we are currently developing small garden



and sensory areas. The children have really enjoyed the books we have read this term including Stick Man, The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child. We have kept Mrs Day very busy switching the home corner from a shop to a Gruffalo cave.

All the children now have reading journals and we share books with every child over a two week cycle. We have also introduced books to go home to share with parents and family. Every child also has a workbook to record focused support activities in the nursery. These will be a lovely memento of their time in Hope Class. The books complement the photographs we take and post on Tapestry, and I am sure all the parents enjoy this online programme that keeps you in touch with your child's learning.

Other activities the children have had the opportunity to do include lots of counting games, a variety of art based tasks, making hot chocolate and lots of mark making using clip boards and chalkboards. The learning pads are also a favourite.

Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Day, Mrs Naylor and I would like to thank all the parents for being so supportive this term and we wish you a happy half-term break. Please could I take this opportunity to request modelling equipment for the nursery and remind parents to send in reading journals every day.

WHAT'S NEW FROM NORTH & CORBETT

FOOD

Reception have had a fabulous half term on our topic 'food'.

We have learnt about healthy and unhealthy food and how to make good food choices. We read some amazing stories like Biscuit Bear and even made our very own biscuits in our school kitchen.

A huge thank you must go out to Blue Watch at Eltham Fire Station who showed us around their facilities and let us spray the hose!

Another thank you to Kaspas who were kind enough to allow all 60 of us to make a waffle and decorate it! The children loved the experience of working behind the counter and learning about the ingredients used.

Next half terms topic is 'bears'.



WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 1



TEDDY BEAR'S BAPTISM

This half term year 1 have been learning all about promises Christians make in front of God. We went on a visit to church and Father Jim re-enacted a baptism for Teddy Bear. It was a lovely event where Brittany and Martin stood in as parents and Theo and Joelle were the pretend godparents of Teddy Bear and made some vows on Teddy's behalf. We watched as Father Jim poured water on Teddy's head to wash away sins and welcome him into God's family. We learnt that we make holy water by saying a prayer. We also learnt about some of the promises the parents and godparents make when baptising their child. We all celebrated at the end by giving a big cheer and round of applause. We even received some special documents such as Teddy's baptismal candle and his certificate of Baptism.

Our literacy topic this half term has been all about London. We have been reading a book called 'Katie in London' and researched some of the places she visited and created our own London Tourism leaflets. We also became news reporters and had to interview teachers and staff in the school on the recent spotting of the Trafalgar Square lion being loose in Eltham High Street! A shocked Mrs Rhodes spied him napping on Mr Bulpitt's desk while Mrs Clarke saw him boarding a train at the station!

WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 2

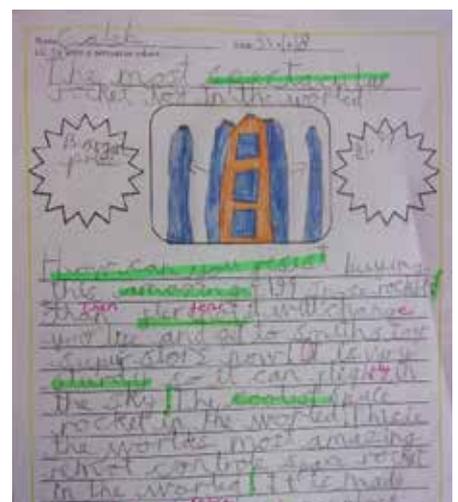
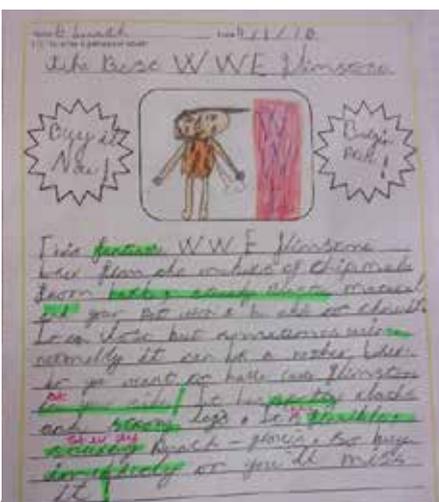
TOYS

This half term, year 1 have been learning about 'Toys through the Ages', which we have really enjoyed.

In literacy, we wrote adverts for a new toy! We used a range of persuasive devices including rhetorical questions and promise. Our toys had loads of special features and bargain prices!

Miss Gardiner thinks some of us could work in advertising...have a read of our adverts! How can you resist?

We also looked at some images of sculptures, decorations and paintings which had all been made out of toys. We then used toys to experiment with colour and pattern to create prints. Here are some photos.



WHAT'S NEW FROM SHAW-BROOK CLASS

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

In R.E. we thought about Jesus' Parable of The Good Samaritan. We imagined what each character in the parable would have felt. After a group discussion, we planned and rehearsed freeze frames for different scenes.

Finally, we used Ipads to record our freeze frames to illustrate a short book.



WHAT'S NEW FROM SHERARD CLASS



CLASS TRIP

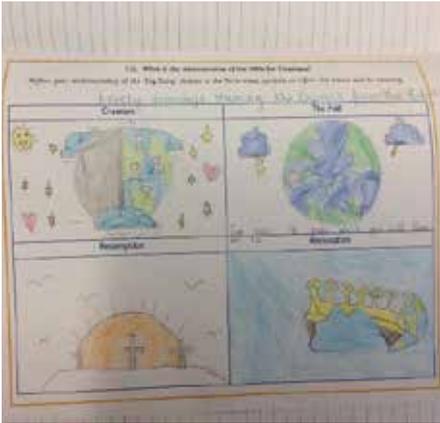
Sherard Class went on a trip to the Wide Horizons Centre this half term!

The class took part in an exciting investigation where we had to use our scientific skills to find a chocolate cake thief who left behind a mysterious soil clue. We had to use our scientific skills to collect soil samples from three different locations in the grounds and carefully take them back to compare the samples to the mysterious soil!

Luckily, we are hard working scientists in Sherard class and solved the mystery of the chocolate cake thief! We had a great time at Wide Horizons Centre and especially enjoyed getting 'hands on' with different types of soil.



WHAT'S NEW FROM GREGORY



THE BIG STORY

Since Christmas, Year 4 have been thinking about the Big Story of the Bible, including thinking about how the Bible is structured and the different types of writing it includes. We thought about how the whole Bible is made up of four different themes:

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Restoration

We represented these different themes with images and symbols and discussed what they teach Christians.

We then moved on to thinking about faith and what it means to us. We created our own stories that represent faith, or a lack of faith.



WHAT'S NEW FROM NESBIT



ANGLO-SAXONS

Year 4 have explored the history around Anglo-Saxons this half term including why they settled in Britain and their religious beliefs.

The children also spent time designing a medieval tunic and a helmet. It was great fun to be so creative this half term!

Most of our helmets are now on display around the school but will make their way home after Easter for parents and carers to enjoy'



WHAT'S NEW FROM WG GRACE



MATHS

This term WG Grace have enjoyed participating in some practical maths lessons where they were able to apply skills they learnt during lessons into real life contexts.

We learnt how to locate and use coordinates, then played against each other in battleships.

We also investigated how to estimate the capacity of something and trialed our new knowledge using cups and jugs of water.



WHAT'S NEW FROM CHAUCER



ODYSSEUS

Chaucer class have been reading Odysseus as part of our Literacy this term.

The children have had fun learning about different Greek myths and legends. They even got to design their own Greek monster! One of the chapters that we read was called 'The Sack of Winds'.

We then created freeze frames using the different scenes from this chapter. This enabled them to understand the characters thoughts and feelings.

We have also read about the Land of the Dead. The children have been making up their own mystical lands and have enjoyed imagining what this land would be like using the 5 senses and other descriptive techniques.



WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 6



CHARITY WORKSHOP

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Song Writers Charity's workshop this week.

They worked together with an experienced musician, song writer and digital expert to create their very own anti bullying track.

Both Group 1 (Roper) and Group 2 (Avery) have produced a song to be extremely proud of and it has helped to raise awareness for staying safe on the internet in school too. Please follow this [link](#) to hear their song.

Well done to Year 6!



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017 / 2018

Please note that we use the local authorities published term dates as a guide to our term dates. Below are the dates for the next academic year – please note there is one School INSET Day to be confirmed:

SPRING TERM

Half-term holiday

Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2018

(Term four)

Monday 19 February to Thursday 29 March 2018

Easter Holiday

Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April 2018

SUMMER TERM

(Term five)

Monday 16 April to Friday 25 May 2018 (except May Day Bank Holiday on 7 May)

Half-term holiday:

Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June 2018 (spring Bank Holiday on 28 May)

(Term six)

Monday 4 June to Friday 20 July 2018

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AUTUMN TERM

(Term one)

Monday 3 September to Friday 19 October 2018.

Half-term holiday

Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2018.

(Term two)

Monday 29 October to Friday 21 December 2018.

Christmas and New Year holiday

Monday 24 December 2018 to Friday 4 January 2019.

SPRING TERM

(Term three)

Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February 2019.

Half-term holiday

Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019.

(Term four)

Monday 25 February to Friday 5 April 2019.

Easter holiday

Monday 8 April to Monday 22 April 2019.

SUMMER TERM

(Term five)

Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May 2019 (except May Day bank holiday on 6 May).

Half-term holiday

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019 (spring bank holiday on 27 May).

(Term six)

Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July 2019.

