



**ELTHAM**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# Summer 2 Newsletter July 2019

## MESSAGE FROM MR BULPITT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another successful year has passed and as you read inside all of the exciting achievements this half term, may I say a huge thank you to all of the adults that work across the school to make these opportunities and learning a reality. The teachers, support staff, office and premises teams are 'top drawer' and their dedication and commitment to the children of Eltham Church of England Primary School unparalleled, and I can't thank them enough.

As we say goodbye to Mr Gomes, Miss Gayle, Miss Shortt as well as Miss Inns becoming Mrs Griffiths, Miss Day becomes Mrs Luchford as well as a new North and Corbett class added to our school – it is with excitement and confidence that we look forward to next year and all of the possibilities that it will bring.

So may I wish you all a happy, peaceful and restful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Matthew Bulpitt  
Executive Headteacher

Charlie Rhodes  
Head of School

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Children return to school,  
after the summer holidays  
on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September 2019.



# CURRICULUM UPDATE

Our final themed week was brought to life spectacularly at the end of June in our whole school Button Box performances. Thank you for sharing your feedback after the shows; just some of these comments are shown below.

*“An absolutely amazing performance from all year groups. Well done to all involved. I do believe that children can learn so much when it’s taught creatively. The joy of song, art, dance and performance helps build confidence. That is so important. My children loved it and so did us parents. More please! Your activity weeks rock.”*

*“The Button Box was utterly uplifting for the whole school community – congratulations to all.”*

*“Another superb themed week! What a spectacular show with everyone involved and most importantly celebrating culture and creativity. Eltham C of E should be very proud, us parents are! Well done.”*

*“Just loved it! A heart- warming performance and such a hugely important thing to encourage confidence and inclusion – equally as important as the academic side. Thrilled to have been part of it.”*

*“This school has the most dedicated, hardworking teachers, support staff and management team parents could ask for. Lucky parents and lucky children to be able to come to an innovative, creative but very caring school”*

In the last few weeks, we have surveyed the children to understand their experience of our themed weeks. We asked them:

- Have they helped build your confidence and resilience?
- Have they developed new skills and knowledge?
- Have they been motivated to learn about something new in more depth?

**An average of 86% of our children ‘agreed completely’ with these statements with a further 8% ‘agreeing a bit’.**

We are all so proud of what the children have achieved this year and delighted both they and their families agree so completely. We will continue to use the more detailed analysis of this ‘impact survey’ to inform future themed weeks and WONDER days.

In that respect, our first themed week of the 2019 20 school year will run between 28 October and 1 November. This week will have a science, technology and engineering focus with children exploring **HOW** things work, understanding **WHY** they work, **PROVING** that they work and **PRESENTING** these ideas to others. Exciting external visits have been arranged and visitors will be coming to school to work with children to develop their technical and scientific skills.

**A whole school HOW competition** will also be launched early next term, the outcomes from which will be exhibited in class after school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – definitely a date to put in the diary!

For many of our parents and carers, the long summer break may provide an excellent opportunity for the children to start thinking about their entry so I have outlined details below.

The scope is very broad. Quite simply, the children are invited to investigate how something works and develop an outcome which **shows** (or **proves**) their understanding of how it works and **why** it works. There is likely to be a range of outcomes: posters, models, flow-charts, diagrams and drawings, brochures, PowerPoint presentations, films or videos. The children will be invited to talk about their investigation either to the whole class or to their teacher.

Some of our older children may like to extend this theme by **re-imagining (or re-inventing)** a **solution** to a real life problem, incorporating an element of authentic design and prototyping.

Children will be invited to bring their competition entries to school during HOW week. They will have an opportunity to visit other classrooms and see each other’s work before the competition is judged. A winner and runner up for each class and two overall whole school winners will be announced on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (3.30-5pm).

Good luck everyone and many thanks for your continuing support.



# MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

## ALLERGIES

In September 2019 we have children joining the school who have very serious allergies. As a result we are asking parents not to send in any nuts or egg sandwiches. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## MEDICINE

Please note, if your child has medicine in school it will automatically go to their new classroom in September.

## HOLIDAY MEALS

GCDA will be serving meals free of charge during the school holidays. For information on dates, times and locations please click [here](#).

## SIMS PAY

Could all parents please check their access to SIMS PAY and make sure you can log in. If you are unable to log in please contact the school office. You will need to access your account of pay for school dinners, after school clubs, PTA events (such as the Christmas Grotto etc) and school trips.

## SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The school office is open between 8:30am and 9:30am or 2:30pm and 3:30pm. Unless there is an emergency we encourage parents and carers to make any enquiries at the school office during these times. This helps us to ensure a smooth running of the school.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

When the children return to school in September please can you make sure all of their uniform is clearly labelled with their name.

If the weather is still warm in September children can wear their summer uniform.

## PTA

The school would like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved with the PTA for all of their efforts that have been put into organising fundraising events for the school. It has been a phenomenal effort and we are very grateful to everyone.

## INSET DAYS

We would like to remind parents and carers that children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September are INSET days. It is also confirmed that 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 are also INSET days. This leaves one more date to be confirmed.

## LONDON'S AIR AMBULANCE

We have supported the London Air Ambulance for over a year. From September 2019 there will be a collection box in the school office if you wish to donate. As well as taking legal tender the charity also accepts old coins and foreign currency.

## DINNER MONEY

The dinner money for next half term will be £85.80 and is payable in advance via SIMS PAY.

## GIFTS

Once again we would like to thank parents and carers for all the gifts you have given the staff. It is a very kind gesture and we appreciate it very much.

We wish all of our families a lovely summer break. We wish Year 6 good luck in their new schools and we look forward to



# PTA UPDATE

## A word from our Chair, Karine Sadaka

I would like to thank all the PTA members, new and current, for your ongoing time and support. Without you the children wouldn't benefit from some of the wonderful things the PTA has funded, such as the playground equipment, the first aid courses or the train tracks & tool toys for the Early Years; none of these funds would have been raised without your time and effort.

The PTA hopes to continue this year's great work in 2019/2020 and to continue assisting the school in enriching our children's school experience.



## FUNDRAISING GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR

Our main focus will be to enrich the lives of our children beyond the classroom. Our fundraising efforts will go towards:

- Activities and events which will promote arts & theatre.
- In discussion with the teachers, we hope to offer the opportunity for every child in the school to have an experience linked to their curriculum which will bring their learning to life even more.

## KEY DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019/2020

Next AGM: Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 9am – If you would like to be part of our team we would love you to join us!

- Uniform sale: Friday 27th September (morning)
- Quiz night: Friday 27th September (evening)
- Christmas Fair: Friday 6th December

Have a great summer and we look forward to starting a new year in September!



## ATTENDANCE FOR SUMMER 2 TERM

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 Attendance Advisory Officer 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 we 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.

**30 children achieved 100% attendance for 2018/19 and this was celebrated at our assembly. They each received a gift card, well done.**

## Class Attendance since September 2018

Corbett	96.8
North	95.9
Bek	96.4
Mills	6
Archery	96.6
Tarn	96.9
Sherard	95.7
Shaw-Brooke	97.4
Nesbit	96.1
Gregory	97.3
Chaucer	96.6
WG Grace	95.6
Roper	96.5
Avery	96.9--
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96.5</b>

## SAFEGUARDING

Over the Summer holidays, you will no doubt take part in a whole host of fun filled activities! Just a reminder of some things which families can do to make sure everyone stays safe over the holidays!

- Slip, slap, slop! Always use sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and check that it protects against UVA and UVB. Apply sunscreen to areas not protected by clothing, such as the face, ears, feet and backs of hands.
- Sunscreen should be reapplied straight after you have been in water – even if it's "water resistant" – and after towel drying, sweating or when it may have rubbed off.
- Encourage your child to play in the shade – for example, under trees – especially between 11am and 3pm, when the sun is at its strongest.
- Respect the water- Always supervise children swimming. Ensure children only swim between the flags on beaches which are supervised by lifeguards. Rip currents can travel up to the same speed as an Olympic swimmer (4.5mph) and can pull even the strongest swimmers out to sea! Unexpected waves can quickly knock people off their feet.
- For older children, remind them of the risks of going out on their own- ensure you know where they are going and who they will be meeting.
- Be aware of your child's digital life- ensure children are using apps and social media safely.

For further information visit the following websites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

<https://rnli.org/safety/respect-the-water>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/safety-in-the-sun/>

<https://us.norton.com/internetsecurity-kids-safety-parents-best-practices-to-social-media-security.html>



## SPORT AT ELTHAM



### YEAR 5

Pupils from Year 5 had fun at Shooters Hill College Swimming pool competing against other primary schools.

The team won almost every race and everyone took part.

Eltham Church of England came first overall out of all the schools competing.

### GREEN SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA

In June Ellie, Iris, Charlie, Sophia, Isabelle, Jamilah and Beatriz all made it to the final of the swimming gala.

All of the children worked extremely hard and out of 13 schools they came first, second and also won the relay race.



### LYG TENNIS

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Greenwich heats of the short tennis. The children in Years 5 and 6 won their competition and were invited to take part in the LYG at Redbridge Sports Centre. Accompanied by Mrs Jebson, the children represented Greenwich admirably. Although the team did not win overall, they all played brilliantly and Mrs Jebson said that she was very proud of their sportsmanship, determination and behaviour. Well done Verity, Keira, George and Nicholas.

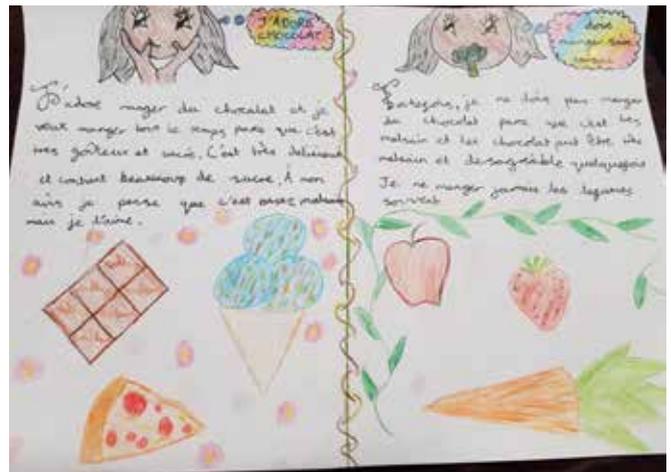
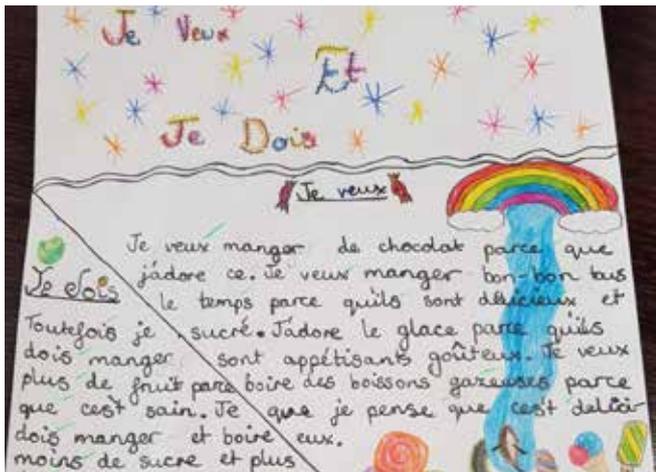
### SPORTATHON

Within Year 4, 30 children took part in Sportathon at Sutcliffe Park. This required the children to undergo numerous sporting challenges such as netball shooting, javelin throwing, high steppers and even a scooter relay race among many more events. The children were wonderful and it was even commented on by other adults that their behaviour was impeccable.

Our 30 children were competing against 4 other schools in the borough and even though it was a very hot day packed full of exercise, the children cherished every moment and it's sure to be a highlight in their year. They came 7<sup>th</sup> overall but overcame every obstacle. Well done!!



## WHAT'S NEW FROM FRENCH



### FRENCH

Year 6 have finished the year on a high with their super posters about the do's and don'ts of healthy eating using modal verbs plus an infinitive verb, opinions, connectives, time phrases and a spattering of negatives. Having experienced the four language learning skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing over the last four years, they should have increased confidence in their future language learning, regardless of the language they go on to learn later.

Some children in Year 5 have been very keen, independent learners as they have helped themselves to homework sheets from the French noticeboard each week. The tasks set cover general vocabulary and grammar, particularly useful for any children in Years 5 and 6. The folder will be replenished weekly again from September.

Please encourage your children to keep up their French skills over the holidays by logging on to <http://www.linguascope.com>. The username is elthamps and the children know the password.

Bonnes vacances à tous!

Madame Edwards

## WHAT'S NEW FROM THE CHOIR



### Choir

What a great year it has been for the choir! We have had a great group of dedicated children come along to practise once or even twice a week in preparation for certain performances and their hard work has really paid off as they are so much more capable of dealing with harmonies and knowing when to sing softly or loudly as a collective and choral voice. The children's enthusiasm to perform has also been a joy to see and they now know what I mean when I mention their "performance face". Choir sang "Make You Feel My Love" by Bob Dylan at the Greenwich Singing Spectacular at Blackheath Halls just before half term and were then invited to attend an awards evening at Woolwich Town Hall in June to sing to an audience including the Mayor of Greenwich and other dignitaries, including Jackie Smith, Cabinet member for Children's Services for Greenwich Council.

I am passing on the choir baton to Mrs Fountain in September after a wonderful 3 years watching the children develop into a confident and competent choir and wish the children every success in their future singing performances.

Mrs Edwards



## WHAT'S NEW FROM HOPE CLASS



### DIFFERENT JOBS

Hope class have been extremely busy learning all about the people who help us. Our home corner has been transformed into a doctor's surgery which links into the books that we have been looking at. Our books that we've been reading are, Franklin Goes to Hospital, Police Officers on Patrol and Franklin Goes to School. Linking in to these books, we have been learning all about the different jobs people do and how they help us every day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our visitors who spoke about their different jobs; we had our lollypop lady, a train driver and a personal trainer. Nursery also thoroughly enjoyed our performing arts week; they learnt all about London, had a wonderful British tea party and recreated London's well known red bus!

On behalf of all the staff in nursery, thank you for a wonderful year. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching every one of you and we hope you have a fantastic summer.

## WHAT'S NEW FROM RECEPTION



### PERFORMANCE WEEK

Reception have been so busy this term. We have had a massively successful 'Performance Week'. Which the children loved joining in with. They were all fantastic performers and this has boosted their confidence performing to so many people! We have also been creating our own jungle animals using junk items. These look incredible.

A big well done to all the children in North and Corbett for all the fantastic work they have done this year. We are extremely proud of them all and wish them all the best in their new Year 1 classes. We will miss them all! Thank you also to all the parents for your kind support throughout the year.

Have a great summer.

From the Reception Team



## WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 1



### BUSY YEAR 1

This term in Year 1 we have been very busy taking part in a variety of exciting activities! We completed our space topic by designing and creating 'junk model' rockets! We decorated our rockets using coloured paper, stars and sparkles. Thank you for all your help bringing in your recycling...to infinity and beyond!

We also loved being part of the Button Box production and thoroughly enjoyed our week of activities themed around China. We were lucky enough to receive a visitor who held a Chinese Dance workshop and helped us create the routine for our 'Frog King' song. We also built Chinese landmarks from Lego and designed our own willow pattern plates which formed part of the beautiful backdrop. We hope you enjoyed watching the production as much as we enjoyed performing!

We hope all our families have a relaxing, sunny Summer!

## WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 2



### PE

In year two we have been learning together in our PE lessons. We've been thinking in particular about balance, coordination and agility and have enjoyed using these skills at Sports Day. We also loved having the work experience students to help us out.

This half term in Science, we have been learning about growth and survival, thinking about what animals, including humans, need to survive and be healthy. We also have been thinking about how we can eat a healthy, balanced diet, and in our Seaside topic, we made our own packed lunches based on this learning.

As one of our final pieces of writing we wrote beautiful descriptions of the seaside based on our reading of the story "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch". Our writing was packed full of well-chosen adjectives, similes and sentence openers.

Year two have worked so hard this year and we've been so impressed by the work they have done and the resilience they have developed. We wish them all the best as they move into year three.



## WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 3



### AFRICA

Year 3 have had an exciting and jam packed final half term of the school year. A definite highlight of the half term was the incredible performance week. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Africa which included a lovely trip to London Zoo to see real life African animals. They created some beautiful African artwork which consisted of painting using different tones to make a stunning landscape complete with silhouettes of African animals. This was topped off by the amazing performances of 'The Button Box' to end the week. The children were so enthusiastic when performing, it revealed lots of budding actors and future stars in the making!

We would like to thank all parents and families of Year 3 for their continued support throughout the year and wish everyone a lovely summer break.

The Year 3 Team

## WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 4

### SIKHISM

This term in year 4 we have been learning about Sikhism and were fortunate enough to be able to have a visitor come into our school and provide a workshop to further our knowledge and answer our questions.

Children wrote thank you letters and diary entries about how they felt about the day.

One letter read like this, "Dear Mr. Singh, Thank you for your time and cooperation with the year four classes, Nesbit and Gregory. All those facts were amazing and thank you for answering all our questions with honest and awesome answers. We can't believe there was a real Sikh in our class! Thank you or should we say... Waheguru, thank you!!



## WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 5



### SUMMER TERM

In Summer 1, the whole school took part in an International Performing Arts Week. Year 5 were lucky enough to be given two songs to perform. Each class choreographed a dance to 'The Crow's Button' and on top of this we had a visitor to teach us an Irish dance. The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole week and both classes did exceptionally well!

During Summer 2, we went on a trip to the Horniman Museum as part of our learning around 'Ada's Violin'. The children were fascinated by all the different instruments and got to play instruments that originated from all around the world. While exploring the museum, we found a tree where we could write a prayer on a tag and hang it on the tree. They loved reflecting on what they are thankful for and what they wanted to pray for.



## WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 6



### THIS TERM IN YEAR 6

In geography we learned about different types of maps, longitude and latitude and scale. In science, we talked about classifying organisms and the discovery of new species.

We went to The Globe Theatre as we were very keen on learning more about William Shakespeare and his work. This summer term we have also been very busy preparing for the end of year production: Shakespeare Rocks, an adaptation of William Shakespeare's personal diary.

We are very excited about going to secondary school but the memories of the time spent at Eltham CE will stay with us forever.



## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019 / 2020

Please note that we use the local authorities published term dates as a guide to our term dates. There is still one INSET day to be confirmed. Below are the dates for the next academic year:

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

**INSET DAYS:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
September

**Pupils Return:**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Half Term:**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> October – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Pupils return:**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**End of term:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### SPRING TERM 2020

**Pupils Return:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term:**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Pupils return:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**End of term:**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM 2020

**Pupils return:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Early May Bank holiday:**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Half-term:**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Pupils return:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**End of term:**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET DAYS:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

