



**ELTHAM**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# Spring Newsletter 2 March 2017

## MESSAGE FROM MR BULPITT

Dear Parents & Carers,

Lent and Easter are periods of reflection and thanksgiving and it is fitting that this is the first newsletter from the 'new build' as we reflect and give thanks for the successes and achievements of the children at Eltham Church of England Primary School.

We give thanks for the beautiful building that we have enjoyed teaching and learning in, but more importantly we give thanks for the terrific work that the children have achieved. We have seen amazing work on rivers, Trinidad and Tobago, plants and life-cycles as well as Easter and Lent. The children have shown how the curriculum that the teachers have designed and delivered engages and excites them and they take these topics home and develop their passion for learning further.

As we reflect on the half term and the transition into the new building, the leadership of the school has benefitted this term from the work of Mrs Simpson who as Assistant Headteacher (Inclusion) for both ST Alfege and Eltham Church of England Primary Schools, has met with parents and other professionals to ensure that our children are receiving the level of support and resources they might need. Our phase leaders (Mrs Leonard, Mrs Bailey, Miss Gardiner and Mrs Hunt) continue to play a significant role in the management of the curriculum, parental concerns and quality of pupil achievements.

So my Easter message to parents is 'more of the same'! The rebuild moves towards its conclusion and the childrens' learning experiences are as always exciting and rich.

May you all have a wonderful rest during this special season of Easter and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

With best wishes

Matthew Bulpitt  
Executive Headteacher

Charlie Rhodes  
Head of School

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## Easter Church Services at St John the Baptist

Please visit St John the Baptist's website for details for their Easter church services:

<http://elthamchurch.org.uk/wp/?p=237>



# SPORT AT ELTHAM

## Year 3 Cross Country

All the pupils in Year 3 took part in the cross country event at Long Lane. The children had to run around a large field, covering about a mile.

There was a boy race and a girl race, and we competed against three classes from James Wolfe. Everyone finished the course and felt very proud of their achievements.

Overall, Eltham did extremely well with Nicholas winning the boys race and Isabelle coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the girls race. The scores of the first ten children to cross the line for each class, in each race, are added together for a team score.



The girls ran as one group and came 1<sup>st</sup> as a team. As we had more boys, they ran as two teams, Nesbit and Sherard, Nesbit won the boys event with Sherard in third place.

The children were impeccably behaved throughout the event, travelling to and from Long Lane and at the award ceremony.

## Girl's Indoor Cricket Finals

Eltham girls cricket team were given a bye into the finals due to other schools dropping out. Their first match was against James Wolfe. Despite not having any match practise the girls were convincing winners scoring 235, 26 runs ahead of their opponents. Highlights of the match – Anna-Joy took a wicket, great catch by Joella and a super-quick stumping by Jess.

The second match was against Southrise. Eltham opted to field first. They bowled very well and managed to take two wickets. Jess hit 14 runs

off the last over. Eltham lost four wickets and scored 232. Southrise lost two wickets and scored 241.

The third match was against Middle Park. The team elected to field first and bowled well. Unfortunately we lost five wickets in our batting innings so despite Katie and Jess hitting 6s we lost by 19 runs.

For their first try at competitive matches, the whole team played extremely well.



# MATHS WEEK

Years 5 and 6 Maths Week coordinators organised and ran their first fundraising event on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Their first brilliant idea was to have a whole school raffle and Miss Shea helped them to get sponsorship from Millie' Cookies Bluewater, who kindly provided them with a giant 'Maths Winner' cookie.

Congratulations to Kacy -Elom Kwame from Bek won this prize with lucky ticket number 10!!

A big thank you to all children and families who came to our Maths Fundraiser Bake Sale, it was a massive success and has raised a lot of money, which can now be spent on upcoming Maths Week on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Thanks again to the 'Maths Squad' as they're calling themselves and bring on Maths Week!



## ATTENDANCE FOR SPRING TERM 2

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 absence 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 2016

Corbett	97.3
North	95.2
Bek	96.6
Archery	96.7
Tarn	97.4
Sherard	96.9
Nesbit	97.1
Gregory	98.3
Chaucer	96.1
WG Grace	96.6
Roper	96.2
Avery	98.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96.9</b>

## MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

### CRICKET TO ARUNDEL CASTLE FOR YEAR 5 GIRLS

Please could you return your consent forms if your child is attending the cricket festival

### SCHOOL DINNER

Dinner money for next term will be £56.00 and is payable by Agora.

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

### SWIMMING SQUAD

If your child has received a letter for the swimming squad, please could you return your permission slips to the school office and pay via Agora.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are still some spaces available on certain clubs. Please sign up and pay via Agora.

### SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

When the children return on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, summer uniform can be worn.

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June all children will be required to wear their summer uniform.



## THE LATEST FRENCH NEWS

### ACTIONS IN LEARNING

Using authentic materials in language learning is a key feature of the new primary languages Programme of Study, so all year groups have been using such resources in different ways this term.

Children in years 1 and 2 have been using actions to learn about the main language features in our own version of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They also used actions to great effect to describe the planets.

Years 3 and 4 have been learning about art genres and are just completing research on their chosen

genre and artist. They have been able to express their opinions in French and have been very creative in reproducing a copy of their favourite artwork. Year 5 have coped well with long texts describing where people live and have even been putting their translation skills to the test. Year 6 wrote their own version of Handa's Surprise therefore had to consider adjectival agreement and word order. They have since been exploring the main geographical features of Europe.

The topic for French club this term was 'food', so the children showed their



acting skills off brilliantly by performing a role play in a French café. Joyeuses Pâques!

## BOOK FAIR DAY

### BOOK FAIR REWARDS

With the money raised from Book Fair, the school was able to purchase an enormous amount of books. Thank you again for your very generous support.



## WHAT'S NEW FROM NORTH

### BEARS IN NORTH CLASS

In North we have been working hard on our topic bears.

We enjoyed some amazing bear stories and wrote some fact files on what we had learnt. We also went on a bear hunt at the Environmental Centre and we even got to create dens in the wood. Thank you to all those parents that came along and made it possible.

Our writing is steadily improving and we recently wrote letters to 'baby bear' apologising on behalf of Goldilocks! We were particularly proud of our building skills when we created a new chair for poor baby bear! Alongside this we painted bears and we have even measured our own bears and each other to find out who was the tallest in the class!

Phew!



## WHAT'S NEW FROM CORBETT



### BARNABY BEAR

Corbett Class have had a fantastic half term in our new building. We love the new climbing equipment and our freshly cooked school dinners!

We have really enjoyed our Bears topic and had an amazing day at the Wide Horizons Centre on our very own bear hunt.

As a result we have produced some fantastic writing about our day and some of us have even written our own bear hunt stories.

We have also enjoyed taking Barnaby Bear home and writing about what we have got up to during his visit.

We have worked very hard at improving our number skills and are learning to write number sentences.

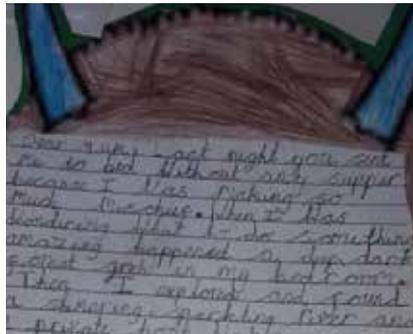


## WHAT'S NEW FROM BEK

### SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

This half term Bek class went on a visit to Southwark Cathedral to end their topic on Creation. They were given a tour of the building's stained glass windows which ended with the children making their own stained glass window based on the different stages of the Creation story.

We have also been reading the story of *Where the Wild Things Are* and produced some fantastic writing based on the book. We pretended to be Max and wrote a letter to our mum telling her about our adventure on the mysterious island. We also became authors and created our own sequel to the story!



## WHAT'S NEW FROM ARCHERY



### WORLD BOOK DAY

This term, Archery class particularly enjoyed world book day! A number of characters from lots of different books descended on Archery class. We even had a storm trooper and Harry Potter for the day!

We performed a fashion parade and explained to the rest of our class who we were dressed as. We also enjoyed visiting the book fair.



## WHAT'S NEW FROM TARN



### WORLD BOOK DAY

Tarn class had a ball on Eltham's 'World Book Day' coming into school in costume, dressed as their favourite literary characters. Well done to all the children and their families for such a fantastic effort, they really looked the part! Not that Tarn class need any encouraging to get stuck into reading but this was still a great celebration of the books they love.

One book in particular that they have been reading and basing all their literacy and topic work on is, 'Where the Wild Things Are'. Miss Shea is beaming with pride over their wonderful work, even saying that the sequel they have written in their Big Writes beats the original story! Here are some of the class getting 'Wild'!

## WHAT'S NEW FROM SHERARD

### HALL PLACE GARDENS

Sherard Class went to Hall Place in Bexleyheath as part of our Science work on 'How does your garden grow'?

We looked at how different seeds grow in the ground and discussed what seeds need to sustain their growth.

We even planted our own lettuce seeds to take back to school to see if we can grow our own lettuce!



## WHAT'S NEW FROM NESBIT



### THE LAST SUPPER

In Years 3 and 4, our focus in RE has been understanding the significance of the Last Supper and exploring some of the ways in which Christians of different denominations understand, celebrate and experience this event in their acts of worship.

In order to further understand the significance of Communion for Christians today, we have looked at some modern Christian art which depicts the Last Supper. The children have reflected on how paintings can express a sense of togetherness, suffering and hope.

## WHAT'S NEW FROM GREGORY

### A TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN

This half term, Years 3 and 4 have been learning about the Caribbean. In particular, we have been thinking about the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago.

The children have explored the islands geographically, thinking about how they are different to Eltham and the UK. To show our understanding of this comparison, in literacy, we have created persuasive adverts that show off the islands in their best light. We have published our work to display in our classrooms.

Having also learned about the endangered leatherback turtle, thinking about what has caused it to be endangered, we created our own turtles by using bubble work and different mediums. The end effect was a vibrant and exciting piece of art that will be displayed in our hallways.



## WHAT'S NEW FROM WG GRACE



### THE STORY OF EASTER

WG Grace class have enjoyed settling into the new building this term. We have particularly enjoyed having a larger playground space for our PE lessons with Mrs Hayes and also being able to use the hall for our Gymnastics sessions.

Our focus during RE this term was Easter. WG Grace class each created a cross that represents the themes of Easter. Together we then discussed the different themes and meanings behind each of them. We also have been looking at the story of the crucifixion and are now able to explain the events in order.



## WHAT'S NEW FROM CHAUCER

### CABINET OF CURIOSITY

During literacy, Chaucer have been fortunate enough to experience the Cabinet of Curiosity. It is a project that allows children to marvel at the odd, unique and the strange. As part of this project, unique and intriguing objects have been placed into a cabinet that inspire children's curiosity and spark their imagination.

Children were allowed to explore the cabinet and use their imagination to create stories, news reports, diary entries and fact files based on the objects inside the cabinet. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and have learnt a lot through role play, creating images, freeze frames and creative writing.

"My favourite part was everything, because I liked the oddities and it has inspired me to start my own collection." Aaliyah

"I liked creating freeze frames and human sculptures of the objects Amie gave us. It's different to a normal literacy lesson." Charlie

"I really liked today's reporting because it gave me a chance to express my thoughts." Isabel

"I enjoyed when we made noises about where Louisa could be. Helped me to imagine the setting." Soufian

"In every session we said our names and things we would want to do in life and I liked this because we learnt different things about each other." Ivaila



## WHAT'S NEW FROM ROPER



### READING RIVERS

Make no bones about it, we love reading in Roper Class, and this half term we have been indulging in our passion for books. It began with thinking about the books that we hold dear to our hearts at each stage of our lives. From the picture books our parents read to us when we were toddlers, to the first book we were able to read by ourselves, right up to the gripping adventure stories we love to read independently and recommend to each other now.

We then created our own 'Reading Rivers' that show our life journey through the stories we have read, loved and shared. Book Day gave us the opportunity to dress up as the story book characters that inspire us the most, and we topped it all off with a visit to the book fair to stock up on new and inspiring reads.

What book will YOU be reading next?



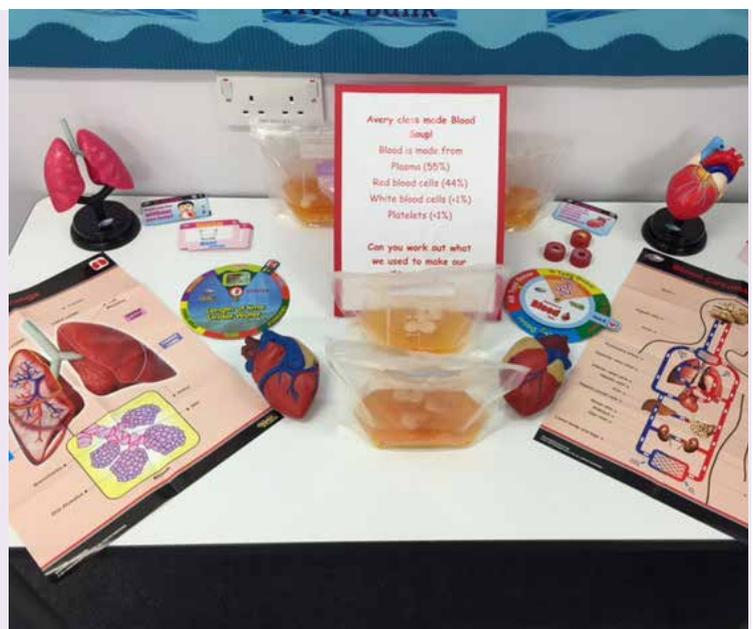
## WHAT'S NEW FROM AVERY

### BLOOD SOUP!

This half term Avery Class have been hard at work preparing for SATS in May.

In science we have been learning about the Human Body, in particular the circulatory system. We learnt about the blood and what the four main components are, we then made our own 'Blood Soup' (orange juice for plasma, strawberry laces for red blood cells, marshmallows for white blood cells and rice for platelets).

We have also been studying The Landlady, a short story by Roald Dahl, which has inspired us to write our own suspense and tension short stories. There are lots of budding young authors in Avery Class!



# THE ALWAYS CLUB

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO STAY IN THE ALWAYS CLUB?

ARE YOU:

ALWAYS in school?

ALWAYS on time?

ALWAYS looking smart?

ALWAYS kind and friendly?

ALWAYS demonstrating our school's values?

ALWAYS completing your homework?

ALWAYS trying your hardest in lessons?

**ONLY THE BEST WILL PAST THE TEST!**

*Special privileges for those that make it!*

## ALWAYS CLUB SPRING TERM 2 2017

Roper: Jessica Beck, Mattlee Frans, Vika Frey, Annie Gupta, Hayden Hicks, Lewis Millin, Lottie Millin, Emily Mitchell, Poppy Read, Toby Suttle, Annie Taylor.

Avery: Alex Pasha, Anna Joy Charles, David Pougui, Funto Bello, Jazsmin Trimblett, Joella Odonkor, Joshua Maja, Katie Senner, Maia Dowler, Rachel Warner, Reece Murphy, Tamar Minendahun.

WG Grace: Anika Patel, Anwasha Ghosh, Casey Mahon, Ethan Chan, James Conway, Joshua Forrest, Nara Nwankwo, Rylee Dixson, Saumya Pushparajah, Spencer Sarkodie, Tong Tong Xiao.

Chaucer: Charis Stafford, Danyel Pougui, Lethikka Indrarajah, Ivaila Ivanova, Aaliyah Shaker, Isabel Attridge, Platon Razumov, Amelia Elkin, Maisha Odele, Ella Inman.

Gregory: Lemuel Adeyosoye, Nina Harrod, Kingston Aluko, Varun Satheswaran, Ollie Beatie, Iman Kerr-Walker.

Nesbit: Izzie Bailey, Jericho Baruwa, George Clark, Ulian Grati, Victor Grati, Thomas Malia, Verity Mason, Adam McCarthy, Eloise Newton, Rina Yang.

Sherard: Gloria Bellone, Danny Gopisetti, Oscar Sanford, Freddie Mole, Beatrice Hartfree, Eleanor Rix, Melanie Ahmed, Sophia Gayduk.

Archery: Ifeanyi Eze, Belinda Bautista-Gazda, Esther Aluko, Anastasia Grati, Esther Pougui, Mia Ellis, Belle Dowler, Sofia Bellone, Georgie O'Reilly, James Malia, Lenny Mahon, Alfred Goldie.

Tarn: Phoebe Elkin, Sophie Jurasz Cruz, Adonai Mussie, Ruby Rix, Thomas Roubourdin, Pia Black, Sahima Nagpal, Giorgos Ziko, Geetan Indrarajah, Zachari Bull, Jamilah Jalloh, Olivia Doyle, Morayo Adegbaye, Abbie Murphy, Raphael Fraser-Davis, Joseph Callaghan, Ellie May-McNeill.

Bek: William Bailey, Michaela Conway, Sophia Fraser Davis, Amara Isitor, Eliana Jemmott, Jeselyn Kaki, Kacy Elom Kwame, Iris Luo, Saul Mason, Alfie Mc Neill, Gabriel Odulate, Arthur Robinson, Kimberley Roman, Sharun Satheswaran, Grace Welch, Chelsea Ukalike, Tia Shen Pillai.



# TERM DATES 2016–2017

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016 / 2017

[PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS 1 MORE INSET DAY TO BE CONFIRMED]

### SPRING TERM (TERM 3)

#### Easter Holiday

Monday 3 to Monday 17 April 2017  
to Friday 8th April 2016

### SUMMER TERM (TERM 5)

Tuesday 18 April to Friday 26 May  
2017

(except May Day Bank Holiday 1  
May)

#### Summer Half-Term

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June  
2017

#### (Term 6)

Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July  
2017

### FAMILY CHURCH EASTER SERVICE

We would love you to attend our  
Easter Church service on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
April at 10am.

### EASTER ART EXHIBITION

The Worship Committee would  
like to invite you to come and view  
your children's Easter art work in  
the school hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
between 3pm and 4pm.

## 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 that are five School Inset Days yet to be confirmed:

### AUTUMN TERM

#### (Term one)

Monday 4 September to Friday 20  
October 2017

#### Half-term holiday:

Monday 23 October to Friday 27  
October 2017

#### (Term two)

Monday 30 October to Wednesday 20  
December 2017

#### Christmas and New Year holiday:

Thursday 21 December 2017  
to Monday 1 January 2018

### SPRING TERM

#### (Term three)

Tuesday 2 January to Friday 9  
February 2018

#### 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

