



ELTHAM
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SINCE 1814

Newsletter #2
Week 2
Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Meet the Teacher! It was so good to see so many of you at the **Meet the Teacher** events this week. If you didn't make it, the slides that were shared will be emailed out over the next couple of weeks.

Class email addresses can be used to communicate with your child's class teacher directly. Teachers will communicate with you regularly using this email address. I have asked the teaching staff to aim to respond to emails in 48-72 hours and that they are not to be checking their email when they are not in school. If the matter is urgent, please call the school office and the message will be passed on.

Golden Book collective worship – It was so good to lead the whole school golden book collective worship this week and celebrate some of the amazing work and achievements across the classes. We strongly believe that all children have learning and achievements to celebrate so rest assured, all the children will have their time to shine!

Parent/Carer Volunteers Do you have an hour or two (or a morning or afternoon?) to spare each week? We are looking for parent volunteers across a range of activities throughout the school. These activities may include reading with children, supporting in the classroom or sharing your gardening expertise in the edible playground. We will carry out some basic safeguarding checks and have a brief meeting with you to discuss what volunteering at Eltham CE involves. Please contact the Office for an application form.

Recent worldwide disasters – We would like to offer our support to those who have been impacted by the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya. The children should wear red and green (Libya and Morocco flag colours) on Friday 22nd September and bring a small donation to the appeal fund, if they would like to.

Today is World Afro Day! A global day of celebration and liberation for Afro Hair and identity and to work with others to tackle hair discrimination. We will do something to celebrate this next year but do check out www.worldafroday.com to find out more about it.



Prayer meeting – As a Church of England school, we teach about and believe in the power of prayer. Some of our parents/carers meet in the Eltham Centre on Thursday at 3pm to chat and pray together. If you would like to join them, you can just turn up there or get more details from the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Wishing you all the very best of weekends ready for more exciting learning on Monday!

Very best wishes

Matt Wills

Headteacher

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3v5

Dates for your diary

Welcome Service (for Reception families) at St John the Baptist Church – Thursday 21st September 2pm

Harvest Services (for Years 1-6 families) at St John the Baptist Church – Friday 6th October 10am/2pm (class allocation to follow)

Reading Festival 20th October – more details to follow on this.

HALF TERM BREAK – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Parents'/Carers open evenings – Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November

Christmas services Key Stage 1 Nativity 12th December / North Class nativity 14th December / Corbett Class nativity 15th December / Key Stage 2 Carol Service 19th December

Last day of the Autumn Term – Wednesday 20th December 2023

First day of the Spring Term 2024 – Monday 8th January 2024