



**ELTHAM**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SINCE 1814

**Newsletter #4**  
**Week 4**  
**Friday 29th September 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers

I need to start by thanking you all for your support and words of encouragement following yesterday's emergency closure. No headteacher wants to be making decisions to close their school but the incidents of vomiting and diarrhoea were increasing rapidly and so we needed to act.

Public Health England have advised us to monitor the cases reported today and over the weekend. PHE advised that this particular strain on Norovirus is highly contagious and that it is extremely important to wash hands, wipe down surfaces etc and try to keep it under control. Please do let us know if your family has been impacted by this – Mrs Clarke sent out an email earlier today containing the email address to report any absences.

We aim to be open on Monday with some adjustments following the advice from PHE (for next week - no whole school collective worship on Monday or Tuesday and no parent/carers tours and no swimming for the next two weeks). If your child is unwell, please do not send them in. The school is currently being deep cleaned today and over the weekend so hopefully we can get this under control.

The Parent/Carer phonics workshop and KS2 Film Night will be rescheduled – please keep an eye out for these dates.

**Scooters!** It is so good to see children riding their scooters to school but please try to take them home at the end of the day. The school accepts no liability for scooters/bikes left in the playground overnight or at the weekend.

**Wear Red and Green** in support of Morocco and Libya – Thank you ever so much for your generous donations – we raised well over £850. This will be split evenly between the two emergency appeals.

Wishing you all the very best of ('sickness bug free') weekends ready for more exciting learning on Monday!

Very best wishes

Matt Wills | Headteacher

*"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 3 v 14*

#### **Dates for your diary**

**Phonics workshop for parents/carers – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 3:45pm to be rescheduled**

**PTA FILM nights – Key Stage 2 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September to be rescheduled! | Key Stage 1 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

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

**School photos:** individual & siblings: Tuesday 10 October

**Reading Festival** 20<sup>th</sup> October – more details to follow on this.

**HALF TERM BREAK – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parents'/Carers open evenings** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

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

**Last day of the Autumn Term** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**First day of the Spring Term 2024** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024