



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

**Newsletter #5**  
**Week 5**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers

What a joy it was to see the children celebrating at the Harvest festivals today. The Eltham family is so generous and the food collected will be gratefully received by both the Mottingham Food Bank and Greenwich Winter Night Shelter. Special thanks also to Miss Dann, Miss Fryer and Revd Caroline for organising the Harvest festivals – this is not an easy task but both services were wonderful!

I've shown lots of visitors around this week. Once again, all have commented on how well behaved and how focussed the children are when they are in their classrooms. I've even managed to join the children for lunch in the hall this week – much to their amusement! I had some great conversations about our favourite foods and what their plans are for the weekend!

**Yesterday was World Teachers' Day!**

Many thanks for all your continued support and your words of encouragement. The teachers and support staff in the Eltham Family are so dedicated and passionate about your child's education. Above all, we all want your children to love coming to school. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking them for all they do every day.



**Parent/Carer Volunteers.** Many thanks for those of you who have offered some time to volunteer in school. We are carrying out the necessary paperwork and checks for these but do need some more volunteers. Please do get in touch with the office if you have an hour or two to spare within your week.

**Uniform.** As the weather changes over the next few weeks we will be moving over to our Winter uniform. Please have a look on the school website to see the school's uniform policy for Winter uniform. Also, please remember that policy states that shoes should be black. On PE days, children can come to school in their PE kits but footwear must be waterproof so some trainers may not be appropriate for outside wear. If it is wet on their PE day, they may need shoes to change into. Please do talk to me about this, if you have any questions.

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

Very best wishes

Matt Wills

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. [Isaiah 55:6](#)

**Dates for your diary**

**Phonics workshop for parents/carers** THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 3:45pm

**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