



ELTHAM
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Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

Week 3

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Need – Spots and Stripes! Thank you for supporting Children in Need. We have raised £488.10 so far. Donations are still coming in!

Many thanks to all those parents/carers who attended **parents’/carers’ consultation evenings** this week. It was good to see so many of you and for the children to share their amazing learning and all that is going on in the classes.

Many thanks also for supporting the **Scholastic book fair** – it was good to see so many families clearly prioritising reading and we have sold much of the stock delivered to us. Every book that is sold enables us to be given credit to order books for the classrooms. Thank you again!

Our fantastic choir sang at Woolwich Town Hall last week. Their singing sounded beautiful! Thanks to Miss Fryer and Mrs Edwards for their hard work teaching the songs and some wonderful harmonies. Also, our Year 2 classes visited the Natural History Museum this week – they had a wonderful time!

This week, I attended an event at the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education about **‘Equity, Diversity and Inclusion’**. One of the parts of this important area is how we further develop our school’s anti-racist pledge. I know some parents/carers have spoken to me about this already but if you would like to be involved in this, please do let me know.

Attendance and Punctuality There has been an increasing number of requests to take children out of school during term time. It is vital that all children are in school every day that the school is open and here on time. Such requests will always be recorded as ‘unauthorised absence’ in line with the [Royal Borough of Greenwich’s policy](#) and [Government Guidance](#).

VOLUNTEERS for the Christmas Fair – please sign up for an hour or two to help the Christmas Fair. Our wonderful PTA might need to remove stalls if there are not enough volunteers!

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

Very best wishes

Matt Wills

Headteacher

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is
God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-18

Dates for your diary

PTA Christmas Shop – Wednesday 22nd November

Christmas Dinner Day AND **Christmas Jumper Day** – Wednesday 6th December – **please note the change of date!**

Year 6 French Trip to Arras – Thursday 7th December

Christmas services

Key Stage 1 Nativity Tuesday 12th December at St John’s Church

North Class and FT/PM Nursery nativity Thursday 14th December at 2pm / Corbett Class and FT/AM

Nursery nativity Friday 15th December at 9:45am (please note: the EYFS nativities will be held in school)

Christmas Panto day – Wednesday 13th December – “oh no, it isn’t!”

Key Stage 2 Carol Service – Tuesday 19th December 2pm at St John’s Church

Last day of the Autumn Term – Wednesday 20th December 2023 1:30pm finish

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