



ELTHAM
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SINCE 1814

Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

Week 4

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week seems to have been even busier than last week! We are in full swing with Christmas rehearsals and the children have been learning their lines and singing lots of fantastic songs!

Showcase Your Sound at Blackheath Halls – I was so proud of our school band this week as they performed together at Blackheath Halls. What a fantastic event! Many thanks to Laura Baugh (one of our wonderful parents!) and her Greenwich Music Service team and to those parents/carers who came along to support.

O2 Film Festival – thanks to those parents/carers who attended the O2 Film festival screening this week. We will always promote fun events that build your child's cultural capital.

Christmas Shop – the PTA worked SO hard to ensure this event was a success. It was so good to see the children thinking about the presents they wanted to buy and then working out if they had enough money to buy something for someone else. Your children are a credit to you! They care so much for their friends and they were so polite to the adults running the shop. MANY thanks to the PTA for their hard work with the Christmas Shop.

Christmas Fair – The PTA have also been working hard on this but they may not be able to offer as many activities and stalls if there are not enough volunteers needed to run them. Please consider giving one hour or more of your time to support the Christmas Fair, if you are available. Many thanks to those parents/carers and staff who have signed up already.

Let it snow! As the weather gets colder over the coming weeks, please label all hats, scarves, gloves and ear-muffs(!) with your child's name and year group. Occasionally families may need some support, especially in recent months, with purchasing some items such as coats or shoes – please speak to me or a member of the office team (in confidence) if your child needs these and you are unable to fund this. We are here to support you.

In the event of extreme weather e.g. snow, please keep an eye on the school website. It is very unlikely that we will close the school but we will update the website and send a Parentmail to confirm opening times and any necessary information. I can assure you that I will have clocked any forecast of snow and will be arranging the timetable of snow sculpture building in the playground!

Very best wishes

Matt Wills

Headteacher

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." JOHN 3V16

Dates for your diary

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 2pm 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