

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 8th November 2024



Headteacher's Notes:

My first Headteacher's notes of this half term are an opportunity for me to reflect on the wonderful support we have received from families and the school community over recent weeks and months - and to share my gratitude for this in every sense.

A huge amount of work (stock arrival, cataloging, book sorting and labelling) has been taking place in the new library space over the last seven days. The official opening of the library is drawing nearer and we aim to have information out to parents very shortly about this. None of this would have been possible without the fundraising of the Friends committee and the support of school parents. It is set to be a fantastic resource for all pupils and one which will continue for many years into the future. Further volunteering over half term with our latest 'Working Party' in the Nature Garden, has also been vitally important to prepare our outdoor areas for the winter months.

Thank you to everyone for all that you do to help make our school the very best that it can be!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Over half term, a volunteer 'Working Party' did an amazing cut back, tidy up and weeding of the Nature Garden.
- Our first ever Friends 'Bingo Night' for adults is this evening!
- Photograph Day was as busy as ever, with all year groups taking part.
- The Y5/6 Girls Football team finished an excellent 3rd in the Ely area tournament last week - playing superbly throughout.
- Reverend Phil from St. Mary's Church visited Y1 to talk about Christingle.

Updates and Information



Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that Parent Consultations are taking place next week - Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. **Please arrive at the school office five minutes before your consultation start time** and staff will be available to show you in the right direction.

As with any appointment, if you arrive after your designated time slot, it is likely that you will need to re-arrange a consultation for a different day as teachers are running multiple, consecutive sessions in most cases. Thank you for your understanding with this.



Coffee Morning – Tuesday 12th November

We are holding our second 'Coffee Morning' event of the term on Tuesday (12th) next week, 9:00am - 10:00am. As well as Michelle West (our link Family Worker) being present, we are also delighted to be able to welcome Ismael Jalal from the Ely Area 'Mental Health Support Team' (MHST).

A separate communication has been sent earlier today regarding the support that the MHST team offer families - it is an NHS funded service and it is free to access for all families.

The Coffee Morning is an informal opportunity to ask questions, find out more and meet with other parents - all are welcome! Please contact the school office to book your place.

Children in Need – Friday 15th November

As in previous years, we are supporting the Children in Need charity with Children in Need Day 2024 on Friday 15th November. The charity does amazing things for children and young people across the UK and this year their theme is 'Make Life Lighter for Children'.



We would like to invite all pupils to wear non-uniform on Friday 15th November and to make a donation to Children in Need. School Council reps will collect donations in each class on the morning of the day.

To find out more about Children in Need 2024, please visit the official website... www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk



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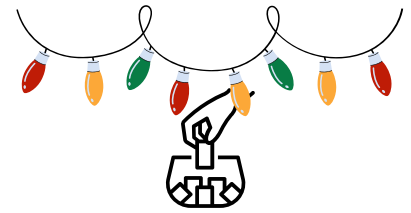
Anti-Bullying Week 2024 (11th - 15th November)

Next week is 'Anti-Bullying Week 2024'. Further to the letter sent to parents earlier this week with information about the activities, learning and discussion that will be taking place, a reminder that children are invited to wear odd socks on Tuesday (12th) as part of 'Odd Socks Day'!

For more information visit... <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/parents-and-carers>



From The Friends



Tombola Donations for Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and once again we would be very grateful for your help with our fundraising for the school. If you can help by donating a prize for the tombola stall, **please bring it into school when you drop your child off in the morning on Friday 15th November.**

Donations can be placed in one of the boxes that will be situated outside each cloakroom (please take any donations of alcohol to the main office).

Guidelines for donations to the tombola are simply that the item must be new and unused and within the best before date for any food or drink items.

Previous donations have included: Chocolates/sweets, stationery sets, books, bubble bath, toys/games, socks, soaps, food items, gift sets, mugs, cookery items.



- SAVE THE DATE -

THE FRIENDS OF ELY ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024, 2-4PM

COME AND JOIN THE FESTIVE CHEER...

Santa's grotto, treat and story | Christmas games | Raffle
Tombola | Craft stalls | Refreshments and snacks

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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Tue 12th Nov

- Coffee Morning Event with Michelle West (Family Worker) and MHST Team 9:00am - 10:00am
- Parent Consultations (3:20pm - 7:30pm)

Wed 13th Nov

- EYFS New Intake Parent Tour
- Parent Consultations (3:20pm - 5:30pm)

Thur 14th Nov

- Parent Consultations (3:20pm - 5:30pm)

Fri 15th Nov

- 'Children in Need' non-uniform day
- EYFS New Intake Parent Tour

Wed 20th Nov

- Yr 5 Trip to Cambridge Science Centre



Long Term Dates:

November

Sat 30th - Friends 'Christmas Fayre'
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)

December

Fri 6th - Y2 Visit to St. Mary's Church

Wed 18th - Autumn Term Music Concert

Thur 19th - School Christmas Dinner day

Fri 20th - Last Day of Term

January

Mon 6th - Staff Training Day (school closed)

Tue 7th - Term Starts



Term dates and staff training days for the 2024/25 academic year can be found on our website:

www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term_dates/232278