

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 20th September 2024



Headteacher's Notes:

I am aware that all parents have received a higher than normal amount of correspondence from school in these first two weeks of term. Thank you for your time in reading everything carefully; the curriculum overviews, attendance and Free School Meals information, as well as year group updates and newsletters. There is so much going on and we want everyone to be as informed as possible! In particular, please do note the new guidance from the Local Authority around attendance which was shared by letter with you yesterday - it contains some important information updates and outlines the changes to national attendance legislation. Do contact us with any questions or queries you have.

Finally from me, you know that I always aim to be out in the playground before and after school each day. Feel free to interrupt my wanderings with any questions or feedback about all things ESJ. Whether it is car parking, school curriculum, uniform, reading at home or anything at all, please do ask - it's why I'm there!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- 17 after-school clubs started this week - sports, art, performance, languages, martial arts and lots more!
- Curriculum overviews covering this term have been sent out to all families of pupils in Y1 - Y6.
- Our new Foundation Stage have just completed their first full-time week in school!
- All staff have completed update Safeguarding training and 'Keeping Safe' has been an assembly theme for pupils.
- School Council elections for 24/25 have started to take place and the new class reps will be finalised next week.

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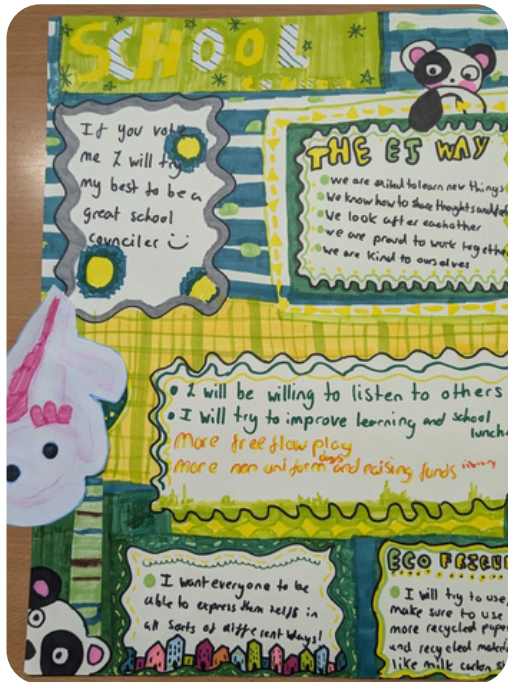
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Updates and Information

Pupil Voice in Action - School Council 2024/25



British Values have been the subject of assemblies in school this week - with the children learning and finding out more about:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We have shared how important these values are to everyone in school and discussed how, through School Council elections this week and next, we have been exhibiting the 'Democracy' value here at ESJ. A big thank you to all pupils who are taking part in class elections and especially to those who have nominated themselves as candidates for the School Council. It is great to see this pupil voice 'in action'!

Coffee Morning Event - Tuesday 1st October

We are holding our first 'Coffee Morning' event of the year here in school on Tuesday 1st October (9:00am - 10:00am).

Our guest at this event is **Michelle West**, our area **Education Inclusion Family Advisor** who provides a huge wealth of advice, support and guidance for families on a wide range of issues - see poster opposite.

Our coffee mornings are a welcoming, supportive space where you can meet other parents, chat together and ask any questions that you might have.

If you would like to come along or simply find out a bit more about the event, please email the school office to book a place - office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Cambridgeshire County Council

Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Michelle West

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

As Education Inclusion Family Advisors, we offer support in various ways:

- 1:1 sessions
- Workshops on specific topics
- Attending school events
- Group sessions on areas of need
- Signposting to other services

For more information speak to your school office or contact us directly on:
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From The Friends



As always, The Friends have a busy term of events and opportunities coming up and the team are working hard behind the scenes to make 2024/25 the best year ever for fun and fundraising!

Further detailed information will follow in the next few weeks but please do 'save the date' for the following...

Friday 18th October - Children's Film Night

Saturday 30th November - Christmas Fayre

Look out for future communications from The Friends about some other exciting new projects and events - check out www.pta-events.co.uk/esj for the latest updates.

Friends - Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all those pupils who took part in the Friends 'Summer Reading Challenge' - to read six books over the summer break.

To be in with a chance of winning the £20 book voucher prize, please return sponsorship forms and money to the school office by next Friday (27th September). Thank you!



Cash for Charities

A reminder that the Friends are collecting tokens from the Ely Standard for 'Cash for Charities' - the more tokens we can collect, the more money we can raise!



Our collection box for the vouchers is placed in the main entrance by the office window.

Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Tue 24th Sept

- Year 2 visit to Ely Library.
- EYFS Phonics Information Event (6:00pm)
- Ely College Open Evening for Y6 families.

Wed 25th Sept

- Flu Vaccinations.

Thur 26th Sept

- Y5/6 Football Team @ Tournament

Tue 1st Oct

- Coffee Morning Event with Michelle West (Family Worker).

Thur 3rd Oct

- Harvest Festival Collection.



Long Term Dates:

More dates will follow in the coming weeks...

October

Fri 18th - Friends 'Film Night'.

Mon 28th - Half Term Week.

November

Mon 4th - Training Day (School Closed).

Mon 11th - Parent Consultation Week.

Tue 12th - Coffee Morning Event with Michelle West (Family Worker).

Wed 20th - Y5 Trip (Cambridge Science Centre)

Sat 30th - Friends 'Christmas Fayre'

December

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

Wed 18th - Autumn Term Music Concert



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