

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 6th December 2024



Headteacher's Notes:

I very much hope that you have all had an opportunity to read the Ofsted report that was shared with you via email yesterday. It has been six years since our last inspection in November 2018, and it is very pleasing to be able to see the positive recognition for all of the hard work that has taken place since then.

For me, one of the most pleasing aspects of the visit was that the inspection team recognised all of the aspects of school life that I believe make ESJ the welcoming, supportive and inclusive school that it is. Positive, valued behaviours from pupils, high engagement in learning and an ambitious curriculum are things that we have nurtured every single day for many years - and we don't actually need a formal report to know that this is the case! This deep commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all our pupils will continue for many more years, I am sure.

I really appreciate the parental support for everything we are aiming to achieve here at ESJ, and know that - with your continued backing - we can look forward to much success in the future. Thank you!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Y2 enjoyed their trip to St. Mary's Church this morning as part of their R.E. topic work.
- The Friends Christmas Fayre was enjoyed by record numbers of visitors and raised well over three thousands pounds - amazing!
- The final Ofsted Report was shared with all our families.
- The stage has been put up in the hall and rehearsals are in full swing for our EYFS and KS1 performances next week!
- The second Foundation Stage Parent Information event on Phonics was well attended on Tuesday.

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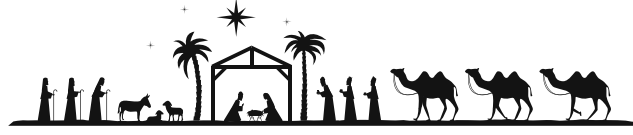
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Updates and Information

Christmas Performances – Foundation Stage and KS1



We are very much looking forward to welcoming our audiences for the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances next week. The children have been rehearsing hard and are very excited to be able to step onto stage in front of a grown up audience!

Thank you for your support with costumes, accessories and the learning of lines. It is much appreciated!

Foundation Stage Performance:

- Wednesday 11th December - 9:15am

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Performances:

- Wednesday 11th December - 1:45pm
- Thursday 12th December - 9:15am
- Thursday 12th December - 1:45pm



Please make sure you bring your tickets with you to gain entry - thank you.

Please arrive five or ten minutes before the performance start time so that we are able to seat everyone safely and ensure that the performers are not disturbed by late arrivals.



Toys and Accessories in school


Please can we ask that no toys, trading cards and other collectables are brought into school. We have noticed an increase in non-school items coming into school recently and would very much ask for your support to ensure that this does not continue and no learning time is lost.

Any items which are part of an agreed plan with teachers to support pupils whilst in school are, of course, permitted. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about this.

Christmas/Jolly Jumper Day – Thursday 19th December

On Thursday 19th December, we would like to invite all pupils to come into school wearing a Christmas/Jolly Jumper instead of the normal school uniform jumper. It is school Christmas Dinner day that day and we will be having festive themed activities in all year groups.

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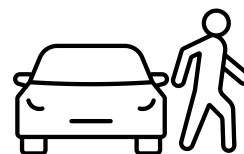
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School Car Park – Drop Off Bay



A polite reminder to all our families that the 'Drop Off' bay in the school car park is for dropping off and immediate exit only - and not for short stay parking. We appreciate how busy local roads are at the start and end of the school day, however, it is essential that the drop off bay is not used for parking.

Thank you for your support with this - safety of all pupils and staff remains our number one priority at all times.



From The Friends



Christmas/Jolly Jumper Sale



Get ready for Jolly Jumper Day and help raise funds for the PTA!

Please donate your pre-loved Christmas Jumpers on Friday 13th or Monday 16th December (they can be handed in at the school office). Then, after school on Monday 16th December, the PTA Team will be selling jumpers for £2 to raise funds. We will also be selling hot chocolate (with optional cream & sprinkles) for £1.50, from the outdoor classroom area from 3pm. Old green ESJ uniform jumpers/cardigans are fine to donate too as these will help our 'Pre-loved Uniform' sales next term.

Purchases on the day can be made using cash or card. Thank you!

Friends Christmas Fayre



A massive thank you to everyone who visited the Christmas Fayre last Saturday or who bought raffle tickets online. It was a fantastic event and it was lovely to have the whole school community together and in a festive mood!

Well over three thousands pounds was raised which will help support upcoming school projects. Thank you!



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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Wed 11th Dec

- EYFS Christmas Performance (9:15am)

Wed 11th Dec

- Y1+Y2 Christmas Performance (1:45pm)

Thur 12th Dec

- Y1+Y2 Christmas Performances (9:15am and 1:45pm)

Mon 16th Dec

- Friends - Christmas Jumper Sale (3:00pm)

Wed 18th Dec

- Autumn Term Music Concert (3:15pm)

Thur 19th Dec

- Christmas/Jolly Jumper Day
- School Christmas Dinner day

Fri 20th - Last Day of Term



Long Term Dates:

January

Mon 6th - Staff Training Day (school closed)

Tue 7th - Term Starts

February

Mon 17th - Fri 21st - Half Term break

April

Fri 4th - Last day of Spring Term



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



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