

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 22nd November 2024



Headteacher's Notes:

I will always happily share with anyone who will listen that the second half of the Autumn Term in school is perhaps the busiest and most fun of all the times of the academic year. One particular reason for this is the great number of opportunities for us to open our doors and welcome parents and families into school.

As well as the fabulous Friends 'Christmas Fayre' next week on Saturday and the re-scheduled Parent Consultations, we are also very much looking forward to our December performance events - our Music Concert, Foundation Stage Nativity and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances. All our events are always really well supported and attended and we are very appreciative of that.

Finally from me, a huge thank you to all of the school community - staff, parents, pupils and governors - for the fantastic support during the Ofsted inspection last week. The survey questionnaires and meeting feedback of all types reflected the wonderful backing that you give the school. Thank you.

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Y5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Cambridge Science Museum on Wednesday this week.
- A team of inspectors from Ofsted visited the school last week - we look forward to sharing the report with you before the end of term.
- Parent Consultations (using our new booking system) were rescheduled for next week.
- We raised £272 for the Royal British Legion 'Poppy Appeal' as part of our Remembrance Day commemorations.
- Our colourful non-uniform day for 'Children in Need' was a great success and helped to raise £464 for the charity.

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Updates and Information



Re-arranged Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that Parent Consultations have been rescheduled for next week - Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th 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.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day



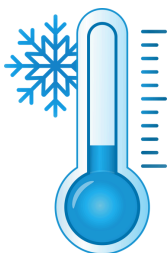
Our new PSHE display in the hall corridor showcases some of the fantastic work that children in all year groups took part in during 'Anti-Bullying Week' last week. It was lovely to have our 'Odd Socks Day' celebrating individuality and uniqueness coincide with our visitors from Ofsted! They certainly saw what a welcoming and friendly school we are.

Children in Need 2024 - Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our non-uniform day for Children in Need last Friday. We are delighted to announce that we raised a brilliant £464 for the charity!



Winter Weather



We've certainly had our first spell of winter weather over the last few days! With this in mind, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing to keep them warm at break-time and lunch-time - all children should have coats when the weather is cold (gloves and a hat being sensible optional extras!).



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Smartphone Free Childhood – Guidance for Parents



A number of parents have been in touch with us in recent weeks regarding concerns about the use of mobile phones outside of school by children. With this in mind, the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' campaign may be of interest to many of you. Navigating the pathway between childhood, teenage years and adulthood for all parents is challenging enough and the addition of mobile technologies and 'screen-time' makes this even more tricky. The 'Smartphone Free Childhood' team can provide lots of useful information and advice about this.

For more information visit... <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>




From The Friends



Christmas Fayre 2024

Saturday 30th November

2:00pm – 4:00pm 

The Friends Christmas Fayre is fast approaching - we hope to see you there!

There will be loads to see and do as well as games to play and raffles to win! Refreshments and snacks will also be available.

Doors open at 2:00pm - and won't close until 4:00pm. Make sure you come along!



– 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 26th Nov

- Parent Consultations (3:20pm - 7:30pm)

Wed 27th Nov

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

Thur 28th Nov

- Y5 and Y6 Tag Rugby Competition
- Parent Consultations (3:20pm - 5:30pm)

Sat 20th Nov

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

Fri 6th Dec

- Y2 Visit to St. Mary's Church



Long Term Dates:

December

Wed 11th - EYFS Christmas Performance
(9:15am)

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(1:45pm)

Thur 12th - Y1+Y2 Christmas Performance
(9:15am and 1:45pm)

Wed 18th - Autumn Term Music Concert
(3:15pm)

Thur 19th - Christmas/Jolly Jumper Day

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:

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