



Elworth CE Primary – News Bulletin

Week Ending: 12th May 2023

'Love God, Love Learning, Love One Another' Matt 22:37-39



Verse of the Week: Revelation 21.6

'I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life'

Dear Parent/Carers

Thank you so much for your support with the successful KS1 & EYFS water run last week. It was enjoyed by all and raised a good amount of money to support our chosen charity St Lukes Hospice. Today the KS2 children took part in the Colour run which was equally as enjoyable. It was a fantastic way to end the week especially after the year 6 children had their SAT's all week.

As you may be aware there has been a growing campaign related to the reading SAT's paper. Cheshire East education will be representing the opinions of school leaders with communications to the DFE

Lost property from last term has been organised by Nicola Ruck and will be on the PTA facebook page soon. A big thank you for Nicola for organising this and all the hard work. Last time it was a great success with lots of items finding their way back to their owners.

As we approach the end of the year can all parents please log into Arbor update contact details and ensure all outstanding balances are cleared in full. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Next weekend our PE Leader Mr Read will be running and sailing off the West coast of Scotland climbing at 11,500 ft for the children's charity Hope & Homes. We would like to wish him well and look forward to celebrating with him his achievements.

Kind regards

Neil Garratt



Diary Dates

Monday	15th May	Cross Country League @ Sandbach Boys School
	15th - 19th May	Year 2 SATs
Monday	15th May	Year 6 - Formby beach trip
Wednesday	17th May	year 1 Stafford Castle Trip
Thursday	18th May	Year 5 - Canoeing Expedition 18th & 19th May
Monday	22nd May	Cross Country League @ Sandbach United FC
Monday	22nd May	SEN Coffee morning
	23rd May	EYFS & Year 6 Class photos
Friday	26th May	School closes for half term
Monday	29th May	Bank Holiday
Monday	5th June	Inset Day
Tuesday	6th June	School opens for children
Friday	9th June	Sports Day - Year 3/4 - 9:15 to 12
Monday	12th June	Phonic Screening Check Commences
Tuesday	13th June	Whole school photograph
Friday	16th June	Sports Day - Year 1/2 - 9:15 to 12
Wednesday	21st June	Town Sports @ Sandbach Boys School
Friday	23rd June	Sports Day - EYFS - 9:30 to 11:30
Thursday	29th June	School Games - TriGolf and Tennis Inclusion Event - 2:30 - 4:30 hosted on the MUGA.
Friday	30th June	Sports Day - Year 5/6 - 9:15 to 12



Office News & Reminders

SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 15th May will be the new summer **Menu Week 2**. You can find menu choices from Mellors on our website. **Please pay online via Arbor and can we kindly ask that accounts are cleared on a regular basis so balances don't build up.** The price for a school dinner is £2.30.

Anybody wishing to discuss their child's meal balance please contact the school office



Elworth CE Primary School – Term Dates 2023-24



HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING For Children	DATE OF OPENING For Children	INSET DAYS Children do <u>not</u> attend
		Tuesday 5 th Sept	Monday 4 th Sept
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 20 th October	Monday 30 th October	Autumn term inset TBC
Christmas 2023	Friday 22 nd Dec	Tuesday 9 th Jan	Monday 8 th January
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16 th Feb	Monday 26 th Feb	
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 th March	Monday 15 th April	
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24 th May	Tuesday 4 th June	
Summer 2024	Friday 19 th July		Monday 22 nd July & Tuesday 23 rd July



Phase News



What a wonderful week in EYFS! We really enjoyed the bubble run last week. This week in our literacy Jack met the giant who wasn't very happy with him for stealing his things. The children wrote some super sorry notes from Jack to the giant. We have also been busy making our own harps, showing off our impressive threading skills. In Maths we have been recapping our number bonds to 5 and the children are getting really good at recalling these.

Ks1

KS1 had a fantastic time last week during our water and bubble run. Lots of fun was had by all. Thank you for bringing in spare clothing and towels as they were very much needed after the heavens opened. Squirrels and Hedgehogs will be continuing to explore arrays and finding doubles of numbers. Thank you to everyone who filled in the Maths Shed google form as this was really helpful. In English, children are writing a recount about the King's Coronation with lots of practise of our phonics in preparation for the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check the week commencing 12th June. This week we are using Chromebooks to locate castles in the local area and use maps to identify physical and human features.

Everyone in Year one is excited about our trip to Stafford Castle on Wednesday 17th May 2023. Don't forget to look at the trip letter for all information regarding the trip. Fingers crossed the weather will stay fine for us!

The children in Year 2 have been sharing their Coronation experiences and writing a super account of the day. In Geography they have been looking at Daintree forest in Australia and learning how to use compass points when looking at a map. The children have also been busy preparing for next week's SAT'S. Good Luck Year 2 - you will all be amazing !

LOWER Ks2

The children have made a great start to our local area topic on Elworth. This week we have focused on what Elworth is like today including looking at the type of settlements and land use in Elworth. In English, we have started to look at persuasive writing and we will be working towards writing a visitors guide to Elworth. The year 4 children have also been busy preparing for their upcoming Multiplication tables check.



UPPER Ks2

We are very proud of all of the children in Year 5 and 6 this week! Year 6 have shown a high level of maturity, concentration and effort towards their SATs tests this week and have overcome the challenges they have faced with flying colours. They have worked incredibly hard and we are all looking forward to celebrating with our visit to Formby Beach on Monday - fingers crossed for the weather!! Over the coming weeks, we will begin work on transition to high school. This will begin with visits in school from the high schools to meet the children over the next 2 weeks where they will be able to ask questions and begin to think about what life will be like in high school.

Year 5 have proven themselves to be considerate, kind and caring towards their classmates this week and they have behaved really responsibly while completing work in preparation for their Canoe/kayak adventure which takes place next week (Thursday 18th- Friday 19th May). We also had a visit this week from Cheshire Fire Service who delivered some important advice on Road Safety. Don't forget the following week (Friday 26th May) Year 5 will also have their walk up Moel Famau to look forward to. Thank you all for supporting these experiences for the Year 5 children; they will be hugely enjoyed but also beneficial to the children. Just a polite reminder that if you have any monies owed to the office, please can you make payments through Arbor asap. Thank you!



Last week KS1 were lucky enough to enjoy their water fun run, raising money for St Luke's Hospice. Despite the very wet ending everyone enjoyed getting out and active in the wet! We have had a brilliant end of the SATs week with all of KS2 running their hearts out with plenty of colour adding to the fun.

The final cross country races of the league are on the 15th and 22nd of May. Our runners are prepped and ready to battle it out at Sandbach Boys school and then at Sandbach United with an aim of retaining the cross country shield for another year! Good luck to all of the girls and boys who will represent school in the following two weeks. And a big thank you to all those children who have represented the school in the cross country team this year.

We hope to have the pool back in use very soon, and will invite swimmers back to the pool as soon as possible!

Sports day dates have now been confirmed and are as follows:

Friday 9th June - Year 3/4 - 9:15 to 12
Friday 16th June - Year 1/2 - 9:15 to 12
Friday 23rd June - EYFS - 9:30 to 11:30
Friday 30th June - Year 5/6 - 9:15 to 12

We look forward to welcoming spectators into school to watch and support. Further details will be sent out closer to the events.

PE TIMETABLE - Summer Term 2023

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday							
Tuesday							
Wednesday							
Thursday							
Friday	Fitness Friday - all pupils come in PE Kits						



PTA News and Summer Fair Special

Thank you to everyone for their donations for Break the Rules day! Together we managed to raise £407.62!! We know the children had a blast, and we were most impressed by the crazy hair styles!

Last week, the whole school enjoyed making crafts supplied by the PTA during their fun coronation day to celebrate. EYFS and KS1 had a very very wet water/bubble run. Thank you to all the staff involved, we know it wasn't only the children who ended up wet through! Thank you to all those who have donated so far.

SUMMER FAIR NEWS

Plans are well underway for the Summer fair. Please see the poster below.

We need as many volunteers as possible to help with the following:

Before the event:

- * Folding the raffle tickets
- * Helping organise the Tombola before the event (stickers/tickets sticking on)

During the event:

- * an hour on the following: Tuck Shop, Bouncy Castles, Tombola, Token Selling, Set up/Clear down (strong people needed for this!)

We will be meeting after-school on Friday 16th June 2023 on the Netball Courts. While the children play on the new (PTA funded) play equipment, we will discuss the summer fair in more detail and give everyone the opportunity to volunteer. Please join us, without you these events cannot go ahead.

Thank you to all those who have already offered raffle prizes, the draw is looking great already. If you are able to, or if you know of anyone who can donate a prize, please let us know: ptaelworth@outlook.com

Join the summer fair helpers WhatsApp group for updates and to show your interest:

ELWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY

7th July 2023
3.30 - 6.30pm



BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS


Mini Makers Market - Ice Cream -
Bouncy Castle - Raffle - Food & Drink
Stall - Tuck Shop - Fun Games - Live
Music - Elworth's Got Talent



**URGENTLY
NEEDED**

WE NEED YOU!

YOUR PTA



We need as many members of
the school community to join in
and help with the PTA.

Without volunteers and support
events cannot happen.

Start now and help use with the
Summer Fair!

SUMMER RAFFLE

Do you work for a company or run a local business that could donate a raffle prize for the fair?

If so please email
ptaelworth@outlook.com or
message PTA on Facebook



**YOUR
SUPPORT
NEEDED**

RAFFLE

PRIZES



Monday 14th – Friday 18th August 2023

Oswestry School, Shropshire

Oswestry Taster Is a brand-new 5 day CPAS Venture, which is suitable for anyone aged 8-12. Taking place at Oswestry School in Shropshire, it is a mix of games, challenges, sports, crafts, drama, swimming, mystery activities and a bonfire. There will also be Bible teaching throughout the week, based on the story of Jonah.

Being a taster, which is shorter than a normal Venture, it is perfect for those that haven't been away on a residential before, or are still a bit nervous about being away from home.

The dates for Oswestry Taster are the 14th – 18th August, and the cost is £200 (although bursaries are available for those that qualify). Cathryn Houghton, Gareth Davies and Jennie Coppenhall from St. Peter's Church will all be there, and a few local children have already signed up.

To find out more, there is a parent's evening at Elworth C of E school on Thursday 25th May straight after school. Please do come along to find out more, and ask any questions you may have.

Many thanks

Gareth and Cathryn

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION

12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snapchat' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coerced into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Congleton Youth Orchestra are opening their doors to aspiring orchestral musicians on Saturday 13th May 2023.

We cater for all, from complete beginners; those who have started playing an instrument in school; to established musicians.

The event will run between 9:30am and 12pm, with two time slots:

- 9:30-11am - For musicians playing for 1 year or more.
- 11am-12pm - For complete beginners.

First established in November 1994, the Congleton Youth Orchestra gives young people from Congleton, and the surrounding areas the opportunity to learn, play and perform music in an orchestral setting.

The Orchestra has both a Senior Orchestra (Grade 4+) and an Intermediate Orchestra (Grade 0-3), and provision for beginner players restarting in September 2023. The Orchestra performs a concert at the end of each term, which are generally held in Congleton Town Hall.

The Orchestra meets each Saturday morning during term time at Trinity Methodist Church, Wagg Street, Congleton, CW12 4BA. All our groups are taught by our experienced instrumental staff and volunteers, our staff are all Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked.

For more information or to register your interest, contact us via Facebook, email (secretary@congleton-youth-orchestra.org) or visit our website (<https://www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org>).

