



Elworth CE Primary – News Bulletin

Week Ending: 8th October 2021

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



Verse of the Week: Rom 12:16 'Live in harmony with each other'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a few weeks we have had! I don't want to mention the dreaded C19 but it has hit our school and local area very hard. We have had over 10 % of children and staff off ill, however somehow we have managed to keep everything as normal as possible. I am so glad that many of the children's symptoms have been mild and that the staff returning have managed to pick up their teaching duties again. The good news is that next week's positive case numbers seem to be on a downward trend- let's hope this is a continuous trend and one that bodes well for the future.

Next week is the PTA AGM- please come and join us on Tues 12th at 7 p.m. in the school hall. I am hoping that many of you will want to support getting all the activities and events set up again so that our children have lots of fun. We have missed out on so many community events and I am keen to plan some fantastic activities for this academic year.

Next week we will be launching the Christmas Shoebox appeal; we will hope to break last year's record of 73 shoeboxes which were sent out to bring joy to other children around the world- please support us in this initiative. The following week is our special Prayer Space day where we will focus on areas and issues around the world and help the children to support these in both practical ways and in prayer. One of the stations will be related to the Sandbach Foodbank. A letter will go out asking for donations towards this fantastic local group and I hope like in previous years we will give a tremendous encouraging and generous gift to those in need.

Please stay safe, enjoy family time and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garratt
Head Teacher

Message from our School Chaplain:

Lego Church will take place next Wednesday, 13th October from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. A free lego building club for all primary aged children and their families. This month we will be thinking about the story of David and Goliath.

Also during half term on Thursday 28th October there will be a free event for primary aged children: Rise and Shine with Jesus. This will be a fun time of bible stories, songs, crafts and games from 10:00am -12:00 noon. Booking is essential and for more information contact Cathryn on children-family@stpeters-elworth.org.uk

Have a great half term!



Diary Dates

Monday	11th October 2021	Christmas Shoebox Appeal launch Cross Country @ St Johns CE Primary School
Tuesday	12th October 2021	PTA AGM 7-8:30 School Hall- all welcome (please pre-book attendance through the school office)
Thursday	14th October 2021	Yr 3/4 House Swimming Event
Thursday	14th October 2021	EYFS Parents Meeting
Friday	15th October 2021	Open Morning 10am - 11.30am - By Appointment Only
Monday	18th October 2021	Cross Country @Elworth CE Primary
Thursday	21st October 2021	Dress Down Day
Friday	22nd October 2021	Prayer Space day- bring in a donation for the Sandbach Foodbank.
Friday	22nd October 2021	School Closes for half term
Monday	1st November 2021	Inset Day - School is closed
Tuesday	2nd November 2021	School Reopens for Children
Wednesday	3rd November 2021	School Nurse - Fluenz Nasal Spray
Thursday	4th November 2021	Tempest - Individual School Photos - All Year Groups
Monday	8th November 2021	Remembrance Week
Tuesday	9th November 2021	Parents Evening
Wednesday	10th November 2021	Parents Evening
Thursday	11th November 2021	Parents Evening
Monday	15th November 2021	Anti Bullying Week- Odd Socks Y5/6 Football League @ Sandbach United 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Monday	22nd November 2021	Y5/6 Football League @ Sandbach United 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Monday	29th November 2021	Y5/6 Football League @ Sandbach United 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Monday	6th December 2021	Y5/6 Football League @ Sandbach United 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Monday	13th December 2021	Christmas Week at School- events list to follow
Friday	17th December 2021	School Closes for Christmas



ARBOR PARENT PORTAL APP

A reminder to parents to download the Arbor Parent Portal App. This will allow you to view balances for meals/snacks, trips and visits, clubs, as well as letting you know what your child has eaten/ordered for snack and/or lunch. We will now also be able to communicate with parents via the In App Messages service on the Arbor Parent App; please ensure you "Allow Notifications" so you don't miss out on important communications.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 11th October 2021 will be **Week 1**. The full menu choices are available on our website. Please pay online via Arbor. The price for a school dinner is £2.30. Prices for Snacks vary and are available on our website.

ONLINE PAYMENTS INTO SCHOOL

As you will know from our previous Newsletter, we are changing the way online payments come into school. Instead of using eeZeeTrip, and/or the Cheshire East School Shop for online payments, we are attempting to bring everything under the Arbor umbrella to make it easier for parents to access. As with any new system, there are teething problems and niggles that crop up, so if you could bear with us while we work to resolve these issues, we would be extremely appreciative and grateful for your patience and understanding. Thank you.

PARKING

We hope that you will all agree that the new gates we are using are making our entrances and exits a little less crowded in terms of numbers of people gathered at any one point. We would however ask you to be considerate when parking. We have to consider our local residents as well as the safety of the children and their families accessing all of our entrances and exits. Please bear this in mind when dropping off and picking up your child(ren). Thank you - we appreciate your thought and consideration.

IT'S GOOD TO GROW - MORRISONS

We have signed up to the "It's Good To Grow" school program with Morrisons to collect free gardening equipment for our school. This programme is to inspire children to get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce. From September, for every £10 you spend in store or online you will receive 1 Grow Token (My Morrisons Accounts only). Please hand tokens into class or into the school office... Remember the more tokens we receive the more free gardening equipment we will receive ! We can do this !

(if you shop online - use the Mymorrisons App to donate your tokens to Elworth CE Primary)

NEW FAMILIES DIGITAL MAGAZINE Sep/Oct 2021

Here is the [link](#) to the current issue of [Families Cheshire Magazine Sep/Oct 2021](#) for your school to share with parents.

Local family events and activities are finally back! Our **What's On Guide** and **Activities and Days Out** have loads of options for families wanting to get out and about in September and October.



PE:

Excitement is rapidly growing within the PE Team! Not only is the astro turf currently being laid, precisionly cut and marked out on the MUGA but we are once again COMPETING!!

Notification came through last week that our inter schools Cross Country will commence on Monday 11th October followed by Monday 18th October when we host the event and run on home turf! This could only mean one thing in school though..... trials! And wow did we have an excellent turnout. Clearly our children in years 3,4,5 & 6 are raring to race and represent school. The team has been announced and put up on the PE board. Both Mr Read and myself would like you to know how impressed we were with the great sportsmanship displayed by all who participated. Letters have been sent out to team members detailing timings and expectations. We wish them luck for Monday!

The year 5/6 winter football league dates have also been added to the diary. This will begin after October half term, with trails to be held very soon.

Year 5/6 House Swimming took place over at the pool last Friday. **Yellows** successfully swam and retained their title for the second year running! Well done Yellows. Year 3/4 will be competing in their House Swimming this coming week.

PE TIMETABLE - Autumn Term 2021

	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						

SWIMMING TIMETABLE - Autumn Term 2021

	Class	Start	Finish	Class	Start	Finish
Monday	2JR	Group 1 - 13.00 Group 2 - 13.30	13.40 14.10	CL 5	Group 1 - 14.00 Group 2 - 14.30	14.40 15.15
Tuesday				CL 6	Group 1 - 14.00 Group 2 - 14.30	14.40 15.15
Wednesday	1SH	Group 1 - 13.00 Group 2 - 13.30	13.55 14.25	1SH	Group 3 - 14.15	14.50
Thursday	2HH	Group 1 - 13.00 Group 2 - 13.30	13.30 14.10	CL 4	Group 1 - 14.00 Group 2 - 14.30	14.40 15.15
Friday	1MA	Group 1 - 13.10 Group 2 - 13.30	13.55 14.25	1MA	Group 3 - 14.15	14.50

Phase News:



EYFS:

This week, the children received a letter from the Night Pirates inside the story box! They needed the 'Elworth Pirates' to help them to decide what to take on their journey. The children have enjoyed making lists of things to pack for the journey, designing their own pirate flags and making telescopes. They have also been hunting for treasure in the outdoor area with the help of the map which was left for us by the Night Pirates!

As COVID restrictions have now been eased and school life is returning to normal, we would love to take the children on some educational school trips this year! We will need plenty of volunteer helpers to assist with school trips in each class. If you are able to help and possess a current DBS check which has been completed via the school, please see your class teacher. If you are able to help on school trips but do not have a current DBS which has been completed via the school, please see the main office for more information.

Please can we ask that your children do not bring any toys into school. There will be opportunities for children to share their favourite toys and objects from home throughout the year which we will inform you about.

We look like to invite all parents to visit their children's classrooms and to meet the EYFS team on Thursday 14th October at 6pm. There will be more information about this evening soon.

KS1:

It's been another busy week in Key Stage 1. The children in Year 2 have been looking at the book "Grandad's Island". Children enjoyed being in the character as Syd while taking part in hot seating. They planned and wrote their own informal letter as well as learning about nouns and questions. Children also participate in finding the pulse during Music where they danced in time to the beat.

This week, in Year 1 we have really enjoyed finally finding out that Juniper Jupiter's perfect sidekick is her dog Peanut. We have been learning all about Pets. We have enjoyed seeing pictures of the children's pets and discussing how to take care of them. The children have produced some beautiful writing about how to care for pets and have designed and built some great pet homes. Next week we will be finding out about real life heroes and will be thinking about people who help us as well as finding out all about Mary Seacole.

LKS2:

This week we have been very lucky to have Cathryn lead Messy Harvest in Year 3 and 4. The theme of the afternoon was to be generous with what we have. We read the parable of The Rich Fool and learnt that Jesus taught the parable because he wanted people to understand that we must be generous with what we have. The children made a corn on the cob craft to represent harvest. In English, we have been looking at the features of diary entries. We hot seated Rhodopis (from our focus text - The Egyptian Cinderella) and discussed how she felt after different events. The children have also been learning about present and past tense verbs.

Please can we ask that all uniforms (especially jumpers, cardigans and P.E. jackets) are named. We have a growing number of jumpers and cardigans in lost property without names. It is much easier to return lost items to their owners if they are named!

UKS2:

We have been really enjoying our new topic this week in Year 5 and 6. In English, we are enjoying reading 'George's Secret Key to the Universe' and we took a fantastic VR tour through space to help us with our setting descriptions. We have learnt about the Earth's lines of longitude and latitude (Equator, poles, tropics, Greenwich meridian etc) and how climates vary in different regions of the Earth as a result. We have also been researching different planets in Science and creating our own Google Slides presentations about this. In RE, we have learnt about the Parable of the Talents and how we can all use our own talents to improve our community. The children seem really happy and settled and we are extremely proud of the behaviour in Year 5 and 6 since the start of term. However, please can we also ask that fidget toys and football cards are not brought in to school in order to maintain our high standards of behaviour throughout the school day.

