



ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter Autumn 2
4th November —20th December



Key Dates:

8/11/24 – School Photos

11/11/24 – Anti Bullying Week

11/11/24 – Parents Reading Workshop

12/11/24 – Adventure Unlocked (Chestnut/Sycamore)

12/11/2024 – Odd Socks Day!

14/11/2024—KS2 Tuxford Sports Hall Athletics

14/11/2024—PTA Bingo Night

15/11/2024—Children in Need – Pyjama Day

18/11/2024—Visit from Jo White – Local MP

21/11/2024 – Languages Day

25/11/2024 – Parents Maths Workshop

26/11/2024 – Adventure Unlocked (Little Acorns/Oaks)

27/11/2024 – Maths Day

28/11/2024 - KS1 Tuxford Dance

01/12/2024 - Christingle at St Giles Church and village hall

06/12/2024 – Christmas Fayre

12/12/2024 – EYFS and KS1 Nativity

17/12/2024 – Christmas Dinner Day

18/12/2024 – Welcoming Values Assembly

18/12/2024 – Christmas Parties

19/12/2024 – PTA Christmas Movie Night



Events to Attend:

Here is an outline of events; further information will be issued closer to the time.

Reading workshop starting at 5pm: Workshop on how we teach reading and how children can be supported at home.

PTA Bingo Night starting at 5pm: Join our PTA for drinks and Bingo in the school hall. Funds raised will provide the children with additional opportunities!

Math workshop starting at 5pm: Workshop on how we teach maths and how children can be supported at home – including KIRFs and Timestables practice.

Maths Day: See how maths is taught at EPNS and have the opportunity to join in with your children!

Christingle at St Giles Church and village hall: Join us for the Christingle where our children will be performing. The light switch on will then be held at the village hall where the parish council are putting on an event.

Christmas Fayre: Parents are invited to browse the stalls, play games and enjoy mulled wine.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity: Our Little Acorns and Oaks will be performing in our annual nativity! Not a show to be missed! Information for booking tickets will be sent out in due course.

Values Assembly: Support our children in their achievements and see who has earned this half-term's value of welcoming!

Note: Sporting Events: *Not all children from each class will be taken to sporting events due to limited number of places offered to us. We ensure a fair selection process.*

Calendar Synchronisation

Our school website features a Calendar Synchronisation tool. By using the subscribe button, you can seamlessly download important dates directly to your personal calendar.

Please be assured that the site does not access your information; any updates made by Mrs Sutherby will automatically reflect in your calendar.

News and Updates

Don't forget to check Class Dojo for weekly updates and pictures of what the children are learning in class. Please see your child's 'What We Are Learning' document for more information on their learning this half term! For further information, please refer to the school website.

Staffing Updates

Latest
Staff News

I would like to take this opportunity to share some important updates regarding our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) team. It is with great joy that I announce that both Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Flint are expecting babies. Mrs Flint will be going on maternity leave on 15th November 2024 and will not be returning to her role thereafter. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to her for her dedication and contributions to our team and children. In the interim, Mrs Tinkler and I will cover Little Acorns on Thursdays and Fridays, while we seek a suitable teacher for Mrs Griffiths' maternity leave. Further information will follow as we approach this time.

Healthy Eating Reminder

We have observed an increase in unhealthy snacks, such as crisps and chocolate, being brought to school. To promote a healthy lifestyle, we encourage ordering snacks from the tuckshop or bringing fruit or a cereal bar. Please note that unsuitable snacks may be removed, and a reminder sent home.



PTA



I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all PTA members for their invaluable responses and to the parents supporting our endeavours. To enhance communication, we have established a PTA group on ClassDojo. If you can support us, please let me know; your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Half Term Clubs



This half term, we will be offering a Baking Club for EYFS and Key Stage 1, alongside an Art Club for Key Stage 2. Both clubs will take place on Tuesdays after school from 3:30 to 4:30, focusing on themes such as Remembrance and Christmas. Baking Club will be led by Mrs Griffiths, while Art Club will be conducted by Miss Woodward.



Attendance

Generally good attendance is considered to be at least 96% for most children. Our aim this year is for all children to be 96% or higher. Thank you to those parents who support us with this.

Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is a legal requirement. If your child's attendance is at 90% attendance, your child may have missed around 200 lessons over the year: lessons that will never be repeated. There is a clear correlation between low attendance and children not meeting age-related expectations. It is imperative that children attend school and poor attendance will result in enforcement to be taken. If your child has attended 90% or less in the previous academic year; you will be required to attend a meeting to improve this.



Safeguarding

Advice on any aspect of Child Protection and Safeguarding may be sought from the safeguarding team: Mr C Marsh (Designated Safeguarding Lead); Mrs K Griffiths (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs L Douglas-Koch (Safeguarding Governor). If you have concerns about a family or child, please do speak to us. Alternatively consult the MASH via <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/childrens-mash/report-a-new-concern-about-a-child>

Online Safety

Please don't forget We have subscribed to National Online Safety to provide all parents and carers with information on which apps/games/sites are currently highest risk to children; along with guides on how to make devices and specific apps child friendly.

