



ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter—Spring 1
6th January — 14th February 2025



Key Dates:

6/01/25 – Inset Day

07/01/25 – Adventure Unlocked
(Chestnut/Sycamore)

09/01/25 – Speak Out; Stay Safe NSPCC Day

09/01/25 – Height and Weight Measurements

10/01/25 – Flu Vaccination Catch-up Session

16/01/25 DEIB/RE Day

20/01/25 - SATs Meeting

23/01/25 - Gymnastics KS1

27/01/25 – Sycamore Online Science Workshop

29/01/25 – Shared Reading

30/01/25 - Quiz Night (Parents)

04/02/25 – NottsAlone Trip

04/02/25 – Adventure Unlocked (Little Acorns/Oaks)

04/02/25 – PINS Coffee and Chat (1:30pm start)

04/02/25 – Music Concert (15:45 start)

06/02/25 - Trampolining KS2

06/02/25 – Partake Visit - Chestnuts

11/02/25 – Safer Internet Day

13/02/25 – PTA Movie Night

14/02/25 – Value Assembly: Compassionate



Events to Attend:

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

SATS workshop starting at 5pm: If your child is in year 6 (Year 5 parents also welcome); join us for a briefing on what to expect in May! There will be examples of papers and questions available.

Shared Reading at 9:10 – 9:30: Join us to share stories with our children in school!

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

PINS Coffee and Chat—1.30pm: The 'Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)' team will be joining us again with a platform for you to share your views.

Music Concert: Our children receiving 1:1 music tuition will have the opportunity to showcase their skills in an assembly afterschool hosted by Mr Fretwell.

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

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.

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.

Carpark Reminder

We have a number of members of the school community whom require access to the carpark and, to ensure it is safe for all children and adults, we would like to remind everyone to walk on the path and not through the carpark when entering or leaving the school grounds.

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.

Staffing Updates

Latest
Staff News

It is with great sadness that we announce that Mrs Groden has retired and will no longer be working with us as a midday supervisor or in afterschool club. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Groden for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best for the future. We will not be saying goodbye as we hope that she will continue to support the school through visiting our classes to hear readers and by supporting our PTA. From this week, Mrs Jackson will be working alongside Miss Bell in afterschool club.

We also have the sad news that Miss Burdett, our music teacher since September, will no longer be teaching at our school. We are happy, however, to announce that she has secured a full-time job within another setting. As we were unaware until the final day of term, children will be made aware this week. From Friday we have Mrs Ackerman joining us to deliver music and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

Celebrations:



Value Awards

Well-done to Molly, Axel, Isla, Sam, Maddie, Rosy, Bella and Harmony for receiving last half-term's value award for 'Welcoming'. These children were selected for being polite and using their manners; playing together with other children and welcoming them into their games; being excellent role models in group work in class; being friendly and welcoming to new starters and visitors to the school.

500 words

A massive well done and thank you to all of the children who entered the 500 word competition. All children were entered and all children received a prize from school. One of our children has been selected for the second round of judging. Out of tens of thousands of entries, they only select around 5,000 to go through for the second round of judging – Well done Minnie!

Attendance

Our school attendance has improved year-on-year and children are making good progress as a result. Last half term, 31 children received a 100% attendance award! Also, Chestnuts achieved two consecutive weeks of 100% attendance and, as a result, enjoyed an extra playtime each week as a reward!

Staff Recognition Awards

Well-done to Mrs Woodcock who received our first headteacher's award for a member of staff. This was nominated by a parent for support in reading. If you ever feel any member of staff needs recognition, please drop me a message and they may receive this prestigious award in assembly!

25 years

A massive congratulations and thank you to Mrs Sutherby, our school business manager, for reaching the 25-year milestone working at Elkesley Primary and Nursery School. Thank you so much for everything that you do, and have always done, for the children. Because of you, your dedication and hard work, the school runs like clockwork!



Thank you so much to our amazing PTA and to the parents supporting our endeavors! It was absolutely amazing to see the support for both the bingo night and the cinema night. I cannot wait to see future events as the PTA focus on the following half term and begin planning for the summer fayre!

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>