



Elworth CE Primary – News Bulletin

Week Ending: 28th April 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

What another busy and exciting week at Elworth!

Earlier this week our KS2 children had a visit from the Recycling Trailer and found out about the importance of recycling our waste and looking after the environment.

Our Year 4's have had a wonderful time at Conway enjoying lots of outdoor activities. Thank you to all the staff who have supported this residential.

We look forward to our Coronation celebrations next week and can't wait to see some of you next Friday for the Coronation Picnic. The children are very excited for the fun runs and I would like to thank the PTA for helping to organise the day.

I hope everybody has a lovely bank holiday weekend

Mr N Garratt
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday	1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	2nd May 2023	Y5 Safety Central
Friday	5th May	Coronation Picnic - 12:15-1:15 Water Run - EYFS & KS1 Colour Run - KS2
Monday	8th May	Bank holiday
	9th - 12th May	Year 6 SATs



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
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
Wednesday	21st June	Town Sports @ Sandbach Boys School
Thursday	29th June	School Games - TriGolf and Tennis Inclusion Event - 2:30 - 4:30 hosted on the MUGA.

Office News & Reminders

SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 2nd May will be the new summer **Menu Week 3**. 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



The children have settled back into school really well after the Easter holidays and we've had a busy couple of weeks in EYFS! We have started our new narrative immersion "Jack and the Beanstalk". The challenge this week was to explain to Jack what he should do with his magic beans so the children have written Jack a letter telling him what to do. We have also found out about what plants need to grow, before planting our own bean seeds. We are hoping that they don't all grow into giant bean stalks! In Maths we have been practising counting to 20 and beyond by counting Jack's magic beans. Next week we will be accompanying Jack as he climbs up the beanstalk and describing who we meet at the top.

Ks1

It was lovely to see the children and hear all about their Easter holidays. Year 1 have started their new topic 'Who's the king of the castle.' They have designed and made their own shields as well as identify questions they would like to find answers for during the topic. In English, children have explored the story 'The Paperbag Princess' by Robert Munsch and written a description about the dragon using noun phrases. In Maths, children have been exploring weight and volume using vocabulary such as heavier, lighter and equal. Next week children will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s making equal groups.

The children in Year 2 have been busy in literacy looking at a variety of traditional tales. They have produced some super wanted posters for the Big Bad wolf who has gone missing after eating Grandma! The children have included lots of great noun phrases and words with suffixes. The children have been using the chrome books to research the patterns on snail shells ready to etch onto their snail clay model. Next week we are going to be spending time looking at the King's Coronation and making decorations to decorate our classroom and corridor.



Year 4 have had the best time on their residential at Conway this week. Thank you to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Garratt, Mr Garratt, Miss Taylor, Mr Read, Mr Pitt, Mrs Wilson and Mr Parry for taking the children. Mrs Cuniffe and Mrs Shuff can't wait to hear all about your adventures next week!

Year 3 have been working hard in English. They have looked at the features of a diary, used adverbials of time and apostrophes for contractions. They then moved on to planning their own diary of an Elworth Kid. We will be writing our diaries next week.

This term, Blackbirds will be taking part in Love Music Trust. On Fridays, Mr Curtin will be working with the children to introduce them to the world of brass instruments.

Just a polite reminder that the children need to be learning the fifth column of the year 3/4 spelling list this term.

Year 5 and 6 have had another great week learning about North America this week. We loved using VR to explore a famous landmark in North America. We 'visited' the Grand Canyon, New York, Niagara Falls, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge and wrote some really interesting diary entries about our visits. In Science, we have begun learning about electrical circuits and were able to make simple circuits with buzzers, bulbs and motors.

Homework was set on Monday last week as normal for English and Maths and will be marked on TUESDAY this week due to the bank holiday. Please can you ensure homework books go back in to school bags so that they are in school on Tuesday to mark.



It's been a brilliant week in school for PE. House football in years 5 and 6 were a great success with the Green team coming out on top. Sports day athletics practice is in full swing and the children are really developing some great skills across all our athletics events. We also welcomed Miss Keeble to the PE team last week as she adds some expertise into swimming which will be starting soon! Cross country is hitting the final stretch in the next few weeks as we head deep into the summer term so good luck to all our runners. We are very excited to be bringing you the Water Gauntlet and our Colour run next week in celebration of the King's coronation.

We look forward to having you all in on Sports days as the children showcase their talents!

Mr Read, Mr Guildford and Miss Keeble

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						





Welcome to Summer Term!

We hope you are all rested after the Easter break – who still has Easter eggs in their house?

This term is a very exciting one at the school for the PTA with lots of exciting events including the

Summer Fayre.

Our annual **Summer Fayre** returns on **Friday 7 July, 3:30pm-6:30pm**. We are very exciting about the activities we have planned this year, but we will not be able to run this event without support for our parent community. So.... **can you give up an hour in return for a glass of something sparkly and a few free tokens for the fayre?** If so please reach out to a member of the PTA which you can do either via our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/elworthcepta> ; email: ptaelworth@outlook.com or speaking to one of us at pick-up or drop-off.

Here is a quick rundown of everything that is happening this term and how you can support:

1. Friday 28 April: **Break the Rules Day**

Children are invited to break up to four rules on Friday 28 April (see poster attached). Each rule they break will cost them 50p.

2. Friday 5 May: **The King's Coronation**

In the morning the children will be taking part in several Coronation crafting activities in the morning.

PICNIC AND POTTER, 12:15pm-1:15pm: Parents, guardians, grandparents, and young siblings (only) will be able to attend this part of the day from 12:15-1:15pm and bring a picnic which they can share with their children. This is free picnic, but as this event is happening during the school day for safeguarding we do need **ALL** parents and grandparents to book a ticket in advance: <https://www.pta-events.com/elworthcofepta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=62691>

After the picnic the children will then be taking part in a sponsored run to raise money for both the PTA and St. Luke's Hospice (the school's charity for the year).

- EYFS and KS1 will be taking part in a **WATER RUN!**
- KS2 will be taking part in a **COLOUR RUN!**

Entry for both runs £5, which helps us to cover the materials to host this event. Any additional sponsorship that the children raise will be then evenly split between the two charities (forms will be sent out next week).

3. Friday 26 May: **KS2 Film Night**

KS2 Pupils are invited to attend a Film Night. Confirmation of the film will be shared next week along with details of how you can book your ticket.

Finally, after the half term we will be having one further dress down day (date TBC) and will be running Freeze Pop Fridays from the main reception car park.

Have a great weekend,

Your PTA

Events & Information

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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

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Our “Very British Menu”, in honor of King Charles III

Traditionally British Fish & Chips

Or

Quorn Dippers & Chips

Something Sweet

Fruity Ice Lolly

Served in a picnic bag with a carton of juice

