



## **Elworth CE Primary – News Bulletin**

**Week Ending: 15th September 2023**

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



***Verse of the Week: Jer 29:11***

***'For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. '***

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays and hope that your child has enjoyed their return to school. I would like to give a special welcome to our Reception families and look forward to getting to know you as your child begins their school journey at Elworth. The EYFS team have been so impressed by how well our Reception have settled into school life and are looking forward to full school days next week.

What a busy start to the school year! All Year groups have made a super start to their school topics from 'The Colour Monster' in Reception to 'Land Wars: Anglo Saxons and Vikings' in Years 5/ 6. I would like to remind parents to visit the school website where you can find lots of useful information including information about what your child is learning on the phase and curriculum pages.

The Year 6 have had a wonderful time this week in Conway. They have enjoyed stand up paddle boarding, mountain biking and sea level traversing at Cable Bay. If you haven't done so already, please see our X (twitter) feed. The Year 5s are looking forward to their visit to Safety Central next week.

Please can I ask that you are mindful of parking when dropping off or collecting your child from school. Can you ensure that you do not block the driveways of our local residents.

Finally, we look forward to seeing our Key Stage 1 parents at our phonics meeting next week.

Wishing everyone a lovely, restful weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

Mr N. Garratt

Headteacher



## *Diary Dates*

Monday	18th September	Year 5 trip - Safety Central
Thursday	21st September	KS1 Phonics meeting 4pm
Tuesday	26th September	Year 4 trip to Macclesfield forest
Friday	6th October	Caterpillars class trip to Sandbach Library
Tuesday	10th October	Individual School Photographs
Friday	13th October	Ladybirds class trip to Sandbach Library



# Office News & Reminders

## SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing 18th September will be the new summer **Menu Week 1**. 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

**Please can we ask that all parents log in to Arbor to clear any balances on their account**





## 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
		Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept  Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Autumn Half Term 2023</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>Christmas 2023</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Spring Half Term 2024</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
<b>Easter 2024</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Summer Half Term 2024</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	
<b>Summer 2024</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

Bank Holidays: (School is closed to Staff and Children)

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024



# Phase News



What a super first couple of weeks the children have had. We are so impressed with how the children have settled into school. We have been taking part in lots of activities linked to the story 'The Colour Monster' such as sorting coloured objects and exploring coloured spaghetti. The children have created some wonderful self portraits to display in the classroom and have been working hard practising writing their name. The children have really enjoyed their Forest School session today taking part in exciting outdoor activities such as den building and toasting marshmallows. Well done to all the children for making a super start to life at Elworth C of E.

## Ks1

It has been lovely having the children back and hearing all their news from over the summer. The children have settled well and have coped well with the new routines. Just a reminder that PE will from next week be on a Thursday. Please also look out for a letter about swimming in KS1. If you are able to assist with Swimming, please contact the school office.

Year 1 have started their topic 'Peep into the past' by exploring their favourite toy and grouping them depending on their characteristics. Children have also been enjoying music by singing and rapping the song 'Hey you' while playing the glockenspiel. Children really enjoyed using the beaters to play the note C in time with the music. In Maths we have been using ten frames and rekenreks to make number bonds to 10. In English we have been making predictions about our new story 'Old Bear' and writing about the feelings of the characters in the story.

The children in Year 2 have started to look at how beach holidays have changed over the years and have been spotting similarities and differences between beach holidays. In science they have been looking at how humans change from being a baby to an adult. They are enjoying using the book "A River " as part of our literacy lessons. Well done everyone in Year 1 and 2 - a super start to the new year.



## LOWER Ks2

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back into school. The children have made us extremely proud with how well they have settled in and are focusing on their learning.

Year 3 have made a great start to their topic on the Stone Age. They have enjoyed learning about cave painting and creating their own.

Year 4 children are enjoying learning all about mountains and rivers. Last week, we made our own river systems outside learning all about the features of rivers. In English, we are generating lots of new vocabulary to write a setting description for a river setting.

Just a polite reminder that homework is set Monday- Monday. Please check Google Classroom each week as homework will be listed on there.

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The children have made the whole PE team feel so welcome, with both Mr Darby and Miss Hughes having newly joined the school.

In curriculum PE the children have taken part in age specific activities such as multi skill games for KS1 focusing on ABC movements as well as key skills such as throwing and catching. KS2 have been introduced to Tag Rugby, Hockey, Football and Netball depending which class they are in. These classes will then be rotated around in the coming months.

Lunch times have seen lots of age appropriate equipment being made available to the children and a lunch time rota being introduced so that all children have a fair amount of time with the activities. This has had a positive effect on morale and behaviour at lunch times, with year 5 and 6 in particular using their student voice to provide positive feedback.

We have also designed a swimming timetable to ensure the needs of the children at Elworth CE are being met across the board. Swimming letters have all gone out for curriculum and after school club swimming times to inform parents and carers when their child needs to bring their swimming kit.

We also look forward to starting our after school clubs next week - we are offering a range of sports to every year group and cannot wait to welcome the children!

Moving forward year 5 & year 6 curriculum PE will be on a Tuesday as shown below with year 1&2 changing to a Thursday. Thankyou!

#### PE TIMETABLE - Autumn 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						

## Happy New (School) Year and welcome to all the new children and their families.

Welcome to our first PTA update of this academic year. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and have settled back into the familiar routines of school life. At Elworth CE we believe that every member of our school community is a member of our PTA, and as a PTA we have always tried to support the school by hosting exciting events to raise funds to enhance the learning experiences of our children at Elworth.

We are currently planning dates for the next term and hope to share our plans with you shortly.

## How can you help?

The PTA is here to raise money by holding fun and exciting events for all our children to enjoy and in order to do this we need your help. If you can attend meetings to help with the organisation of events, spare half an hour of your time to lend a hand with running events or have links to companies that can provide us with raffle prizes we would be extremely grateful. Anything, no matter how big or small, is always gratefully received!

Don't forget to like our Facebook page to ensure you get the most up-to-date news and information!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/elworthcepta>

## PTA Committee Team Update

We wanted to let you know that our Treasurer, Jenny Acda, will be stepping down at the end of September. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny for the incredible work she has done over the last year making our financial processes run more smoothly and her involvement in all events.

The role of Treasurer is an important part of the PTA Committee, if you feel that you could support our team in this role please reach out to a member of Committee (Heather Williams, Lucy Fitzgibbon, Jenny Acda and Emily Dalton) or email: [ptaelworth@outlook.com](mailto:ptaelworth@outlook.com) to find out more about the role. We will be looking to elect a new individual at our Annual General Meeting (date to be confirmed).

This year are hoping to be able to expand our team with the addition of Parent Class Link roles. This will help us to make sure that **every class and year group** has the opportunity to put forward fundraising ideas and benefit from our activity. If you are interested in support as a Parent Class Link please speak to a member of the committee.

Your PTA





**With your support our activities  
this year have raised:**

**£2428**  
Summer  
Fair

**£407**  
Break  
the Rules

**£895**  
Easter  
Chocolate  
Bingo

**£809**  
Valentine's  
Disco

**£531**  
Christmas  
Cards, Mugs,  
etc.

**£865**  
October  
Chocolate  
Bingo

**£1960**  
Christmas  
Film Night  
& Discos

**Thank you**

All 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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKIE, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

### PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

### ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

### AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much money for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

### DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

### FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle. Go, when friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

### ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Understandably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful. If they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

### TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

### BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

### Meet Our Expert

David Upchurch is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and related topics. He has also written digital security brochures, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Warframe, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the BBC, PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VICE, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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