

Ely St John's Newsletter

End of May

Dear Parents,

Another holiday I hear you say!!! This half term has felt very short and has been packed full! **Events that have happened this term include:**

- The KS1 and KS2 SATs. Our children have taken it all in their stride as usual and all we can ask is that they try their best on the day, having worked so hard all year. We will be expecting KS2 results back in July and we always put the results and the teacher assessments in the end of year reports.
- Sporting opportunities with some children taking part in Korf Ball sessions; Quadkids; cricket and cross country.
- Year 5 have visited West Stow as part of their Anglo Saxon topic.
- Year 2 made some lovely eels and took part in the Ely Eel Day, parading down the street to Jubilee Gardens.
- The Maltings Music concert that our Brass Ensemble, Orchestra and Choir performed at and the Young Musician of the Year heats where Noah, Emily and Thomas got into the finals. The finals take place at 7pm at Soham College and tickets are available.
- The Maths Challenge this week saw the four representatives from Year 5, Nathan, Isaac, Lauren and Gabriel, winning the heat where they competed with five or so other schools. The finals will be in July.
- Year 4 have performed their charming rendition of the Kapok Tree to parents – very well acted; narrated and presented.

There has been some wonderful work done in all years and the children have all worked hard and appeared to be enjoying their learning.

The Friends

The Friends continue to do a magnificent job with organising events for everyone's enjoyment and to raise money for the school. They are currently funding:

- iPads for the Year 4 children to practise their times tables on
- Digital clocks to sit alongside analogue clocks in classrooms to aid children's learning about time
- A new shade sail for the Foundation Stage courtyard
- Workshops for all year groups to enhance their learning
- Outdoor play equipment.

We hope you will all come along to our Summer Fete on 8th June, 12-3pm. (please see attached poster)

Please keep your eye on the green areas at the front of the hall as we have planted meadow flowers which should begin to show soon.

The following item is feedback from The Governing Body on the trial outside with the new entrances:

Thank you to all parents and children for using the new entrance and exit systems at the start and end of the day. The Governing Body feel that while there are a few inconveniences, these are far out-weighted by the raised level of safety within the school grounds. The dangers associated with pedestrians entering via the car park and surrounding the drop off point no longer exist.

We realise that there remain some danger spots around the school. We note that the problems of crossing Beresford Road still exist due to the level of traffic along there and the numbers parking. For this reason, we will continue with the drop off point so as not to add to that level of traffic outside the school. We would urge people to make those few extra steps to the zebra crossing to ensure the safe crossing of St John's Road and to encourage children walking home alone to cross at the zebra crossing rather than at the roundabout.

We would urge drivers to drive slowly and safely and to park a little further away, again making safer and healthier choices, to ensure further safety for our children. Please refrain from parking too close to the roundabout, on grass verges or across drive ways, and try to leave space for children to cross safely – avoiding the humps would be really helpful. The emergency access needs to be kept clear at all times.

The Governing Body are of course awaiting news from the City Council about the request for a formal crossing point on Beresford Road. We will keep you informed of our progress with this.

We will continue with the current arrangement. If people have further comments to make, that the governors needs to consider, please use our comments box in the entrance lobby. Thank you.

Ely St John's Governing Body.



EVENTS CALENDAR 2019

Summer Term



June

- 3: School Closed - Training Day**
- 4: Family Worker here 9 – 11am. Please book an appointment via the school office**
- 5: Selected Yr6 children to March for Cricket tournament (12 – 5pm)**
- 7: KS1 Games Festival**
- 8: Friends' Summer Fete & Car Boot (12 – 3pm)**
- 10: Phonics screening week – Yr1
Yr3 Project Twilight session (4 – 5:30pm)**
- 17: KS1 Sports Festival**
- 18: Caythorpe meeting for parents 3.15pm**
- 19: Orchestra/Brass Ensemble tour
Induction Evening for new EYFS intake parents 6pm**
- 20: Year 1 to Oxburgh Hall**
- 21: Friends' Disco & Yr6 Leavers disco**
- 24: Yr6 to Caythorpe Court**
- 24-26: Stay and Play sessions in Gallery for new intake EYFS**

July

- 1: Healthy Week
Foundation to Wicken Fen**
- 2: Young Musician of the Year final – three finalists from ESJ 7pm, Soham VC**
- 3: Changeover Day for children to meet new teachers / new EYFS in**
- 4: Year 2 visiting the Seaside**
- 5: Family Worker here 9 – 11am. Please book an appointment via the school office**
- 8-10: Sports Days – see table below**

- 10: Reports to parents
- 12: Selected Yr6 children to Witchford College for Rounders event (9 – 12:30pm)
- 17: Evening music concert
- 19: Friends' Picnic

Other events to be announced as they arise.

24: Summer Term Ends

SHARING ASSEMBLY DATES

7 th June	14 th June	21 st June	28 th June	5 th July
Miss Jordan	Mr Sinfield	Mrs Geeson/ Mrs Pixley	Mrs Tipping	Mrs Hambley/ Mrs Grant
	Mrs Turner/ Mr Henson	Mrs Powell	Miss Goodman	Mrs Pitt/ Mrs Jähnigen

Yr6 Sharing Assembly - Friday 19th July at 9am. Yr6 Leavers Presentation - Wednesday 24th July at 1:45pm

Sports Days

Monday 8 th July	9 – 10am	Year 1
	11 – 12 am	Year 2
	1:20 – 2:20 pm	Foundation Stage
Tuesday 9 th July	9 – 10am	Year 3
	1:15 – 2:45pm	Year 4
Wednesday 10 th July	9 – 10am	Year 5
	1:20 – 2:20pm	Year 6
	2:30pm	Presentation

Autumn Term opens on Wednesday 4th September