

Ely St John's Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to this year's School Council representatives:

Year 1: Amelia & Jessica

Year 2: Gabriel & Isobel

Year 3: Annabelle & Benjamin

Year 4: Evie & Nancy

Year 5: Jack, Oliver & Nathan

Year 6: Gracie, Ruby, Eloise & Sam

They all succeeded in convincing their classmates that they would make a great School Council member by doing a presentation in a Class Council meeting. Thank you to ALL children standing in this year's School Council elections for your effort and high quality presentations.

Now School Council are busy planning and preparing Anti Bullying Week (12th – 16th Nov) to make it as big an event as Healthy Lifestyle Week last term.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies next week, leading up to Remembrance Day. This year is particularly significant as it marks 100 years since the end of World War 1.

The usual poppies will be available for 20p and the plastic reflector poppies for 50p. Year 6 will be visiting classes each day to manage demand.

HOLLY HOCKS AND SUNFLOWER SEEDS FOR SALE.

ON FRIDAY THE 2ND OF NOVEMBER WE WILL BE SELLING SUNFLOWER AND HOLLYHOCK SEEDS.EACH SMALL ENVELOPE WILL CONTAIN EITHER SUNFLOWER OR HOLLYHOCK SEEDS.EACH ENVELOPE WILL COST 50p.

WE WILL BE SELLING THEM INSIDE THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM.



Message from Chair of Governors – October 2018

I do hope you all had a really good summer and half term break.

We have now had our first Full Governors' meeting this year. This meeting sets up the Governing Body again for the forthcoming year, renewing our paperwork and receiving a range of training which always includes safeguarding. It also re-elects its Chair and Vice Chair and identifies members of the two Committees, Standards and Resources. I am delighted to have been elected for another year as Chair of Governors and to have Matthew Leach as Deputy Chair. It is a real honour to be able to work with the staff, pupils and parents for another year. We also welcomed John Henson, our new Deputy Head as a co-opted member of the Governing Body. Matthew Leach and Caroline Marshall remain as the Chair of the Resources and Standards Committees respectively.

We discussed in detail the results from the previous year and noted the positive information that we received whilst considering the implications for the Single Plan for the next year. We learnt that mental health will have a higher focus and a new policy is being written. A programme of training for monitoring will be available for governors on this. Governors are also required to complete the online Prevent training by half term.

It is good to hear that the new catering service appears to be really successful. Governors were hopeful that the new contract for this and cleaning would result in a more effective service. We were delighted to learn that we had achieved the 'Gold Award' for sport yet again.

We learnt about the new approach to rewards and are keen to have feedback on this at a later meeting. Our Learning Walks programme this term will focus on maths, writing and inclusion and these will be undertaken by the relevant specialist governor. Safeguarding and GDPR audits will be ongoing throughout the year.

We have been really pleased to have new Governors with us, but we now have a further three vacancies, two for this term and one for the Spring. The latter is for a Parent Governor and we would be delighted if you would consider putting yourself forward in the elections for this which will be held after half term. We are also actively recruiting for the other two co-opted governors. The team works well together with all Governors taking responsibility for at least one strategic area of the school. It's a rewarding, fulfilling and enjoyable role. Do consider joining us.

Kind regards
Lis Every
Chair of Governors



EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

Autumn Term

November

- 1: 1 x Year 5 class to Ely Museum all day
- 5: Family Worker Drop – In with Michelle West 9-11 – please sign up at office for an appointment
- 12: Anti Bullying Week
- 24: Friends Christmas Fayre 2-4pm
- 26: Visitor in to Assembly to talk about the Ahtutu Charity – global link
- 30: Flu Vaccinations (Foundation to Year 5)

December

- 6 & 7: KS1 and Foundation Performances
- 11: Flu Vaccinations
- 11 & 12: KS2 Performances
- 13: Christmas Dinner Day
- 17: Outside Carols at 2:30pm
- 18: Christmas Musical Coffee Morning 9am
- 19: Term Ends

SHARING ASSEMBLY DATES

2nd Nov	9th Nov	16th Nov	23rd Nov
Mrs Tipping	Mrs Geeson & Mrs Pixley	Mrs Fretwell	Mr Preston
Miss Goodman	Mrs Powell	Mr Henson & Mr Lowery	Mrs Pitt & Mrs Jähnigen

Spring Term starts on Monday 7th January 2018



The school PTA known as The Friends really needs some more volunteers to sign up to our volunteer email list.

If you think you can spare some time to help at our fun events like cake sales, uniform sales, disco, movie nights, Christmas and Summer Fayres then please do get in touch. When we do an email call out for help you say which ones you can do, any help throughout the year is hugely appreciated.

Email Emma at: thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk

We are a lovely bunch and volunteering is a nice way to get to know other parents and feel more involved in your child's school. You will help make a difference, everything we raise goes to enhance our children's learning and environment.

You are not expected to become a member and attend committee meetings but we welcome anyone to pop along to these, we meet once a term on a Monday night.

Upcoming help required -

We need volunteers for the Christmas Fayre on Sat 24th Nov 2-4pm to help run a stall and for setting up/packing down. If you can spare an hour or two to help it would mean we can run more stalls and games for our families. It's a lovely, fun event to be part of.

We hope to hear from you!

The Friends team.



Ely St John's School Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 24th November
2pm - 4pm

FREE ENTRY - All welcome, please come
and support our fundraising efforts

Mulled Wine Meet Santa Tombola
Festive Stalls Win a Hamper
Homemade Goodies
School Choir Fun Games Raffle

Friends of ESJ, charity registration no. 1117367
Event sponsored by Pocock and Shaw
St John's School, St John's Road, Ely, CB6 3BW

