



# St. John's Standard

Friday 6th October 2023

## Headteacher's Notes:

Throughout the last couple of very busy weeks here in school, it has struck me on many occasions just how often we are benefiting from the amazing volunteering spirit of so many children and their family members. Whatever day it is, whatever time, if I am out and about around school it is impossible not to notice the huge number of people giving up their own time to positively impact others. To you all, from all of our school staff and pupils, I'd like to say a massive 'thank you'!

In particular, we have very a large number of parent volunteers who are supporting with individual reading sessions for pupils, something that we know is so important to support with phonics, comprehension and inference skills at every stage of reading development. This invaluable support is really making a difference. The fabulous 'Friends' committee are another, very visible, example of the commitment to support the school through volunteering - not just with after-school events like our cake sales, uniform sales and film/disco nights, but also at weekends. Last Saturday's 'Nearly New' sale was a great success and it was wonderful to see lots of pupils and families in attendance.



*Reading volunteers in school*



*Friends 'Nearly New' Sale*



*Allotment 'Volunteer' Morning*

As a full-time working parent myself, I am very aware that not everyone has the capacity to volunteer time during the school day. I know this is the case for many of you, but know that you keep finding ways to offer your time and energy for the school above and beyond supporting your own child at home. So, whether you attend Friends events, are a school governor, have made a donation to the school, supported on trips or with individual reading, helped in class or anything else in between - thank you. It is all noticed and very much appreciated. By doing so, you are helping to make ESJ a fantastic school to be a part of.

**Mr. Henson**

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## Thinking ahead...

### Primary and Secondary School Applications for September 2024

Although it seems early to be thinking about the start of next academic year, the application deadlines for new intake primary and secondary pupils is rapidly coming up. Please share and remind with anyone you can think of to whom this applies.

Tours for Prospective Parents at



#### Ely St. John's Primary School

We warmly invite prospective parents to join us on one of the dates below to tour our school and see for yourselves what makes our school community special!

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 1:30pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 9:00am and 1:30pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 1:30pm  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 9:00am  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – 1:30pm  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 9:00am and 1:30pm  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 1:30pm  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 9:00am

We look forward to meeting you!  
Each tour has limited places, so please book in advance.

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Contact the  
school office  
to book your  
place now!



#### Primary School Applications – place for Foundation Stage (September 2024)

The application window for a place in Foundation Stage (starting school in September 2024) is already open and the deadline is 15th January 2024. Visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions) to apply. We are excited to be having a number of tours of the school in the coming weeks for families thinking of applying for a place here at ESJ. Please spread the word!

#### Secondary School Applications – place for Year Seven (September 2024)

A reminder for all of our Year Six parents that the application window for applying for a secondary school place is ending soon - the deadline is 31st October 2023. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. We are always here to help. If you have not yet applied for a place, please visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)

 Cambridgeshire  
County Council

**Primary  
Admissions**

Applying for a primary  
(reception), junior (year 3) or  
middle school (year 5) place

**Secondary  
Admissions**

Applying for secondary school  
(year 7)

**In-Year  
Admissions**

Changing schools (in-year) or  
moving to Cambridgeshire



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**Apply for a school place**



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## Updates from The Friends



Look out for an opportunity to support the Friends at Tesco in the coming weeks! In support of raising funds to enhance the fiction book reading provision here in school, the Friends have been selected as one of the three current 'blue token' organisations.

A great opportunity for additional fundraising - please do tell your friends and family and let's get shopping!

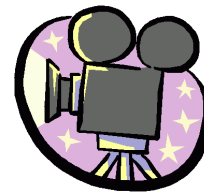


## *Events to look out for this term...*

### - Friday 13th October

#### **Film Night** (5:30pm - 7:15pm)

Today (Friday 6th October) is the final chance to book your ticket! Please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/esj](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/esj) to do so.



### - Saturday 2nd December

#### **Christmas Fayre** (2:00pm - 4:00pm)



## Thank you!

A massive thank you to all of our parents who were able to complete one of the Parent View surveys during Parent Consultations last week. We really appreciate the feedback you have been able to provide and look forward to sharing the results in the coming weeks.

If you haven't done so yet, please visit...

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> to share your views.

Thank you.



**Parent View**  
Your child's school



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Dates for your Diary...



## Term Dates 2023-24



### 2023

Training Day (School Closed)	:	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Autumn Term opens	:	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	:	23 <sup>rd</sup> October to 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn Term ends	:	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December

### 2024

Training Day (School Closed)	:	Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Spring Term opens	:	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	:	19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
Spring Term ends	:	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March

Summer Term opens	:	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day (School Closed)	:	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	:	27 <sup>th</sup> May to 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Summer Term ends	:	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July



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