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Headteacher's Notes:

With the arrival of autumn over the last few weeks, you would be forgiven for thinking that our outdoor spaces around school might be becoming quieter and less used. Well, you'd be wrong! It has been wonderful to see just how much all our pupils have been continuing to learn outdoors, as well as in their classroom. Every day, the whole site is busy - whether that's practical maths sessions on the playground, P.E. competitions on the field, science experiments in the spinneys or history lessons in the Nature Garden. This commitment to learning outdoors is a key part of our curriculum offer and one that we believe is vital to support everything else that we do.

I am sure that many of you have seen the fantastic new archway that frames the entrance to our Nature Garden. A huge thank you to Adam's Forge of Littleport for all their time and work on this. Whilst this is just one of our many outdoor areas, it is one that showcases our belief in the outdoor curriculum and we hope that thousands of future children will walk under it and into a world of learning and discovery outdoors.



The new Nature Garden entrance arch



The Tag-Rugby team in action last week

Staying outdoors, I would also like to say a huge well done to our school sports teams who have already been in action this term. At every competition we attend, not only do our teams perform with great skill and teamwork, they are also always congratulated for their sportsmanlike attitude and conduct. At both the Girls Football and Tag-Rugby Ely district competitions this term, our teams have won their way through to the tournament final and been commended for their attitude and great teamwork - as always, 'we are proud to work together'.

Finally from me, a thank you to all pupils and staff today for the way in which we were all able to share a moment of silence together at 11:00am as part of our learning about Remembrance Day. It was very powerful to be part of such a thoughtful and respectful shared experience.



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The week ahead...

Anti-Bullying Week 2023



As we are every year, Ely St. John's is proud to be taking part in the national 'Anti-Bullying' week 2023 next week from 13th to 17th November. Through assemblies, lesson activities, games and discussion, there will be a focus on the ways in which we can all promote the values of friendship, kindness and tolerance. Something that obviously links to our 'We look after each other' EJ Way statement. Look out for photos on the year group blog pages and on our social media to find out more.



'Odd Socks' Day

Monday 13th November

Don't forget to wear 'odd socks' on Monday - to help celebrate what makes us all unique!

Children in Need 2023

Friday 17th November

On Friday 17th November, ESJ will be supporting 'Children in Need' through a non-uniform day. A small donation for wearing non-uniform (which can be spotty - or not!) will help to raise money for all of the good causes that the charity champions.

We are aiming to break last year's record of over £420 collected for 'Children in Need'.



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Updates from The Friends



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December

(2:00pm—4:00pm)

Free entry!



Come and explore all the stalls and games on offer, grab some tasty refreshments and take the chance to visit Santa in his Grotto for a story and a little treat.

And don't forget to buy some raffle tickets (more info coming soon) as there are some fantastic prizes on offer this year!

Tombola Stall Donations:

We will be inviting new/unused donations for our tombola stall for the fayre to be brought into school on Friday 24th November.

Further details will be sent out to all families about this next week - thank you in advance for your support with this.

Still in Ely Tesco..!

Every little helps



Just a reminder to support the Friends at Tesco! We continue to be one of the 'blue token' organisations - aiming to raise funds to enhance the fiction book reading provision here in school.

A great opportunity for additional fundraising - please do tell anyone you know who shops at the store!

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Dates for your diary...



November

Mon 13th - Fri 17th National Anti-bullying Week

Fri 17th Children in Need - Non-uniform Day



December

Sat 2nd Friends Christmas Fayre (2:00pm - 4:00pm)

Tue 12th KS1 Christmas Performance (1:45pm)

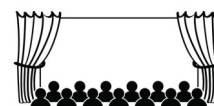
Wed 13th KS1 Christmas Performance (9:15am)

Thur 14th EYFS Christmas Performance (9:15am)

Mon 18th Christmas Music Concert Performance (3:15pm)

Wed 20th Christmas Dinner Day

Wed 20th Last Day of Term



2024

Spring Term

Training Day (School Closed)	Thursday 4 th January
Training Day (School Closed)	Friday 5 th January
Spring Term opens	Monday 8 th January
Half Term	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd February
Spring Term ends	Thursday 28 th March

Summer Term

Summer Term opens	Monday 15 th April
May Day (School Closed)	Monday 6 th May
Training Day (School Closed)	Friday 24 th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May
Spring Term ends	Friday 19 th July
Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 22 nd July

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