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Headteacher's Notes:

My notes for the newsletter today have been inspired by some of the creative, imaginative and engaging ways in which I have seen children here at school taking part in different reading activities this week. I had the pleasure of leading a tour around the school with a prospective parent who commented to me just how much of a positive feel around reading there was in all of the classrooms we visited. Whilst it was lovely to get that feedback, I am very aware that the importance of reading both at school and at home cannot be overemphasised and it remains perhaps the most fundamental key to unlocking so much of the world of learning for our children.



We love listening to stories!



We love choosing books!

In terms of support from home, regular reading is essential to support development here in school - we would recommend five times weekly in most cases. Supporting your child with reading can take many forms, not just listening to them read. For younger readers, please do check out these great ideas from BBC Bitesize... www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxby9q. For all children, as well as regular reading we would encourage lots of talk around the books they are reading - what are you enjoying about the book, what do you think might happen next, which character would you most like to meet? 'Book Talk' can of course happen anywhere, any time - even in the car on the way to the shops or on the walk to/from school! If you would like any ideas for book choices for your child or for any other support, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Finally from me this week, a massive thank you to everyone for your time at Parent Consultations over the last two weeks. We really enjoyed having families back in the school building once again!



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For your diary...



Foundation Stage Parent Consultations

Foundation Stage 'Parent Consultations' are taking place next week - on Monday (10th Oct) and Wednesday (12th Oct)

Harvest Celebrations



As you will know from the message sent out on Wednesday, we will be having a 'Harvest' focus throughout the school in the week before half term - w/b Monday 17th October.

On that Monday, we are taking donations for Ely Foodbank to support our local community. We do appreciate the challenging times we live in currently, and fully appreciate that not everyone is in a position to donate, but if you are able please do so - it will help make such a tremendous difference to so many people. Thank you!



The Friends



Thank you to our volunteers who braved the rain on Wednesday this week to help sell some of our pre-loved school uniform. It was great to see so many sales!



Cake Sale

Tuesday 18th October (3:00pm - 3:30pm) on the playground.

The very best Ely can bake! Don't miss out!

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 26th November (2:00pm - 4:00pm)

The Christmas Fayre is back! Local craft stalls, Santa's Grotto, café and lots, lots more!

(We will be asking for donations for the Tombola stall - to be brought in on Friday 11th November)



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Reminders and Updates...

P.E. Kit



A polite reminder that school P.E. kit should be worn for all P.E sessions - yellow t-shirt and green shorts (on colder days school jumpers and plain tracksuit bottoms may also be worn). Earrings should be removed or your child should be able to remove them safely themselves prior to the lesson. Thank you!

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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!

Wednesday 12th October - 9:00am and 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th October - 9:00am and 1:30pm

Wednesday 9th November - 9:00am and 1:30pm


Wednesday 23rd November - 9:00am and 1:30pm

We look forward to meeting you!

Each tour has limited places, so please book in advance.

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