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Headteacher's Notes:

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2023! We have had a fantastic start in school to our new term and I have noticed just how well all classes and children have settled back into their learning after the break.

I would like to mention our whole staff training day on 4th January which was focused on our 'Steps Therapeutic Behaviour Approach'. Our discussions around 'pro-social' behaviour, pupil well-being, 'educational and protective' consequences and strategies to further support positive interactions with others, were an inspiring way for us to start the term. As we have always done, through whole school and year group assemblies and teaching opportunities in class, the EJ Way behaviour code is at the heart of everything we do. Please do talk to your children to ask about their understanding of one this week's words from assembly - 'pro-social' and how this applies to all of our time in and out of school. Thank you!



Our 'Feelings Dictionary'



Pro-Social

- **Behaviour** which is **positive, helpful**, and promotes social acceptance.
- Behaviour characterised by a **concern for the rights and feelings of others**.
- Behaviour which **benefits other people** or society.

We will be arranging a 'Parent Information Event' in the second half of this term to share our school approach to behaviour and to give the opportunity for discussion with you all around this important topic. Watch out for further information in our next newsletter. In the meantime, if you are interested, please do read the school behaviour policy that can be found here on our website...

www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/policies_privacy_notices/224974

Finally from me, just a reminder to follow the school on Twitter (@ESJ_Primary) if you do not do so already in order to get regular updates, photos and info in between each fortnightly newsletter. My target is to hit 250 followers by the end of term!

Mr Henson

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A welcome to...

Assistant Headteachers - Mr. Preston and Miss. Lloyd

They might not be new to the school, but we would still like to welcome Mr. Preston and Miss. Lloyd to their new roles within school! It is a very busy time for the school and our exciting plans for the future will be massively helped by their expertise, knowledge and dedication. Please do come and say 'hello' to them in the playground when you see them before or after school on their non-teaching days.



Mr. Preston



Miss. Lloyd

A welcome from Mr. Preston:

"After teaching at Ely St John's for many years, I am delighted with the opportunity to become one of the new Assistant Heads and further contribute to the school in a wider role. At ESJ, I have taught in Key Stages 1 and 2 across most year groups. Over the years, it has been a pleasure to see the continuous cycle of our pupils as they move through the school: how they blossom in Foundation Stage, develop through the middle years, and grow into our amazing Year Sixes! I also enjoy hearing about the successes of our pupils as they move on to new stages in their lives, whether at secondary school or later in college, university or the workplace. I like to think one of the reasons our pupils do so well is because they take the EJ Way with them! In my new role, I will continue championing and sharing the importance of the EJ Way within our school community." **Mr. Preston**

An interview with... **Foundation Stage!**

It has been lovely to see all of the pupils in Foundation Stage learning more about the school and the job roles that all of the different adults have. This term, they have already interviewed Mr. Henson to find out exactly what he does in his office and met Mr. Hambley to learn about his 'Site Manager' job and just how important his work is!



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Dates for your Diary...



Spring Term 1

2023



Please see below for a few key dates for your diary. More will follow in the coming weeks - watch this space!

Thur 19th Jan - EYFS + Year 6 'National Height and Weight' measurement check

Wed 25th Jan - Friends 'Pre-loved' uniform sale after school

Fri 3rd Feb - Friends 'Film Night' (further info is on its way in the next few days)

w/b Mon 6th Feb - Parent Consultations Week (sign-up from Mon 23rd Jan)

Thur 9th Feb - School Photograph Day (individual and sibling)

Remaining Term Dates 2022/23

Half Term	:	13 th to 17 th February
Spring Term ends	:	Friday, 31 st March

Summer Term opens	:	Monday, 17 th April
May Day (School Closed)	:	Monday, 1 st May
Half Term	:	29 th May to 2 nd June
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Monday, 5 th June
Summer Term ends	:	Tuesday, 18 th July
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Wednesday, 19 th July

Tell everyone..!

The Friends team are always looking for new parent volunteers to support their fantastic work. Whether you can give some, lots or just a little time, please do come along.

Thank you!



Friends of Ely St John's

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
Stay informed and get involved.

Mon 27th Feb at 7.30pm

Staffroom at Ely St John's School
(duration approx. 1 hour)

Everyone welcome



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