

# Ely St John's Newsletter

Autumn Term, October 2019

Dear all,

Half term hols have flown and we are back for the weeks leading up to Christmas - lots of learning and activity happening in the next few weeks. Please remember the safety code for November the fifth and the use of fireworks to keep children and animals safe from harm. Please see below the Events Chart and the attached poster from the Friends with information about the Christmas Fair.



## **Winter wear**

Please ensure children are **dressed for the outdoors** over these winter months - children often learn outside and are often outside at break times in all weathers; so raincoats and wellies are a must as well as warm clothing. Please remember to label everything - coats, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, to help us return lost property to you. Please also remember to provide gloves, hats and tracksuits for those after school clubs that are outside - hockey without gloves = cold fingers!!! Thank you

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Catherine Pruitt and Mrs Goodman who are both expecting a baby and who will be going on maternity leave soon. Mrs Pruitt is going just before Christmas and Mrs Goodman from January. We will inform parents of those classes separately when we have fully arranged teacher cover. We also want to congratulate Mr Killick who is going to be a father for the second time and will be going on paternity leave very soon. Again, we will inform parents of his class very soon and he will be taking two weeks paternity leave.

## **Change of sharing assembly**

Please note that Mr Preston's class have their sharing assembly on 29<sup>th</sup> November - following the cancellation of the original date.



## **Year Six Success at Tag-Rugby Tournament**

On Friday 1st November, 18 Year Six pupils represented the school at the Witchford Schools Sports Partnership Tag-Rugby tournament. The 'A' team took part in a competition-style league tournament and the 'B' team took part in a mega-festival designed to develop core rugby skills. All of the children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to improve their rugby skills and understanding.

The 'A' team played superbly in their seven matches in the tournament, winning three, drawing three and losing just one of the games. This great set of results meant that Ely St. John's finished equal on points with two other schools at the top of the league table. With 'tries scored'

used to separate the top teams, we eventually finished in third place - well played everyone! Even more pleasing was the award of the 'Spirit of the Games' team award for good sportsmanship and fair play to Ely St John's - many of the organisers commented on the fantastic attitude and sportsmanship of our team which was great to hear.

The 'B' team matched the 'A' team for quality teamwork, effort and great sportsmanship in their mega-festival. All of the players worked hard to develop their skills and supported one another throughout each of the challenging activities and were a credit to the school.

A big thank you to Mr. Mackender for helping to organise the school tag-rugby teams and taking them to the competition - along with assistant coaches Mrs. Stamford and Mr. Henson!



What a great start to the new term with some lovely fundraising events laid on by the Friends PTA. We would like to thank you for your continued support. With your help we have raised the following:

Second-hand Uniform sale £54

Combined bake sale and uniform sale £141

Film Night £260

A huge thank you to The Ely Hereward club for their generous donation of £250 towards our fundraising efforts.

Please do come and support the **Christmas Fayre on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2-4pm**. Open to all, this is always such a lovely start to the festive season. We always need volunteers so if you can spare an hour please get in touch [thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk).

Raffle tickets will be making their way to you via book bags: we have some great prizes up for grabs and as with all our fundraising events all proceeds go towards our school and directly benefit our children. Should you like more tickets for friends and family, these can found in the school foyer.



## EVENTS CALENDAR 2019

### Autumn Term

#### November

- 4: WWII Museum trip for Year 5  
Family Worker drop-in (Appointments available via office) (9-11am)  
Year 2 Curriculum meeting for parents (6pm)
- 5: East Cambs & Fenland Careers Event at Ely Cathedral (9:15 – 10:15am)  
Family Worker Workshop – Helping Children with Anger (9:15 – 10:45am) booking required
- 6: Flu Vaccinations
- 7: Vision Screening – Foundation
- 12: Year 3 & 4 Curriculum meeting for parents (6 – 7pm)
- 21: Open Afternoon for Sept 2020 Foundation parents (booking required)
- 23: Friends' Christmas Fayre
- 26: Year 5 & 6 Curriculum meeting for parents (6 – 7:30pm)

#### December

- 4: Year 5 Performance for parents (pm)  
Family Worker drop-in (Appointments available via office)
- 11: Family Worker Workshop – Helping Children with Sleep (9:15 – 10:45am) booking required
- 12: Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Play (9am)
- 13: Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Play (9am)
- 19: Term Ends

### SHARING ASSEMBLY DATES

| 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov          | 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov         | 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov | 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov        |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr Sinfield         | Miss Jordan          | Mrs Pruitt/<br>Mrs<br>Droniuk | Mrs Pitt/<br>Mrs<br>Thompson | Mrs Byrne/ Mrs<br>Sutcliffe | Mrs<br>Geeson/Mrs<br>Pixley | Mr Poli              | Mrs<br>Hambley/Mrs<br>Grant |
| Miss<br>Goodman     | Mr Preston           | Mr Killick                    | Mrs Ban                      | Mrs Turner/<br>Mr Henson    | Miss Lloyd                  | Ms Fellows           | Mr Preston                  |

**Spring Term starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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