

St. Elphin's C.E. Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 8th September 2017

Good Citizen Awards!



Our **EYFS** Good Citizen award goes to **Lyla (Rec)** who has settled in really well and shown kindness to others.

Our **KS1** Good Citizen award goes to **Sara (Y1)** for making a fabulous start to the term, helping less confident children with routines and settling back into school.

Our **LKS2** Good citizen award goes to **Alice (Y3)** for being brave and understanding in a tricky situation, showing thoughtfulness and maturity.

Our **UKS2** Good Citizen award goes to **Ariana (Y6)** for showing the Christian Value of friendship by helping others and having a quiet awareness of other children's needs and supporting them.

Welcome back everyone!

TEAM POINT WINNERS

Well done to Gaskell for earning the most team points during this first week back



Friendship is our Christian Value this half-term!



Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer.

Coming back to school after the summer break has been such an uplifting experience. Our children look so smart and eager to learn. As I have visited each class I have been impressed with how focussed the children are, showing their very best selves and making an excellent start both in behaviour and learning.

It has also been lovely to speak to lots of you on the gates before school as you bring your children in. It is hugely important to us that we continue to develop our already strong partnership with parents, carers and families. Should you have any queries or concerns as well as good news, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself. I am very much looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and we will keep you informed with our exciting events in the coming months!

Warm wishes Mrs Bennett

College Close traffic management and parking

As you are all aware there have been some significant changes to College Close over the summer. It is now a 'one way' route and there is no parking or stopping outside of school as indicated by the markings. Although things have gone quite smoothly this week (with the exception of a couple of cars going the wrong way!) there are still issues regarding the parking bays both opposite school and further down College Close. Although not yet marked, these bays are designated for residents only parking and should you choose to park there you do so at your own risk. It isn't fair to the local residents when parents/carers dropping off use these spaces, and there have been incidents this week where local residents have been upset by thoughtless parking and where disabled resident spaces have also been occupied. Please be respectful in the way you plan your arrival and departure. Thank you for your co-operation

Water bottles on sale in school at the bargain price of £1. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase one.



Applications for Reception and Secondary School places are online NOW.

Current Y6 parents/carers should have already received information. School will be sending out Reception information during the next couple of weeks.

Attendance awareness month

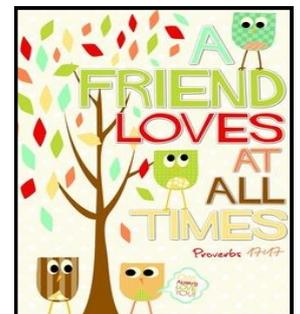
September is 'Attendance Awareness' month in school. We will be sending home lots of useful information about how to support your child in school to have amazing attendance this year. The first instalment is on the back of this newsletter and also on the school website. If you have any questions or queries please contact Mrs Garner (Attendance and Wellbeing Mentor)

Bible Verse of the week

Dinner money increase

With effect from 1 October 2017 the price of a school meal will increase from £2.20 to £2.30 per day.

This is the first price increase since 2014 and is sadly unavoidable due to the increase in associated costs.





Celebrate Attendance Awareness Month!



#schooleveryday

Every School Day Counts

Days off school add up to lost learning

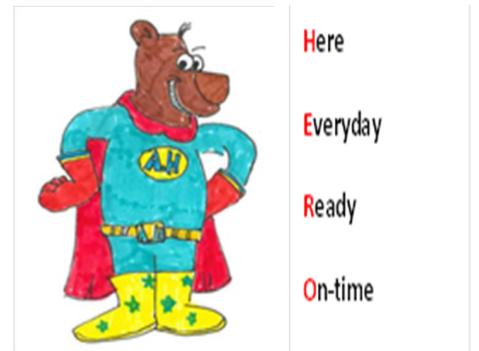
175
NON SCHOOL
DAYS A YEAR



175 days to spend on family time
Visits holidays, shopping, household jobs
and other appointments



Take the St Elphin's 100%
attendance challenge



Here
Everyday
Ready
On-time

- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve
- Every school day counts

What do you think of our new handwriting font
which matches the brand new scheme we are
launching this year?