



St. Elphin's C.E. Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 23rd March 2018

Good Citizen Awards!



Our **EYFS** Good Citizen award goes to **Luca (RJB)** for being inclusive; putting others before herself and for being friendly and giving.

Our **KSI** Good Citizen award goes to **Princess (Y2AA)** for being really supportive and helpful.

Our **LKS2** Good citizen award goes to **Shania (Y4SB)** for helping new friends to settle in and supporting others.

Our **UKS2** Good Citizen award goes to **Eve (Y5LL)** for being enthusiastic and for representing school in an outstanding way.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!

TEAM POINT WINNERS

Well done to Powys for earning the most team points during this week.



Hello Everyone—hope you have had a happy and healthy week!

This week in school, the chicks have continued to grow (they seem to have doubled in size!) and cause great fascination. We have the chicks each year, yet they always seem to hold the same level of excitement, awe and wonder. We never grow bored of having them and everyone— from the youngest to the oldest, children, staff and visitors—always wear big smiles on their faces when they see them. Isn't it wonderful that we can get so excited by signs of new life and growth? On Wednesday evening, our Year 5 children took part in 'Children of the Hub Sing Magical Musicals' event at The Brindley Theatre, Runcorn. They amazed us with their brilliant attitude all the way through the event; they blew us away with their singing and even brought a tear to our eyes! The children enjoyed taking part in the event and especially loved the opportunity to see back stage of the theatre and having their own dressing room! We hope that this inspires the children to achieve their hope and dreams and tread the boards once more in the future. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support us. It was great to see, and hear, you!

In last week's newsletter we promised that the 'Hopes and Dreams' page would be available on the web for you to see from today. Unfortunately, due to staff illness, this will now only be available from the end of next week—sincere apologies for the delay.

Looking ahead to next week we have our Parent/Carer Afternoon/Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. You should, by now, have received an appointment slip with your allocated time. Please contact your child's Teacher if you have not yet asked for an appointment, as this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all your child has been learning and achieving since the Autumn term and also a chance to review their progress and the next steps needed in order to fulfil their potential. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Finally, as we move into Holy Week next week, our thoughts turn to the Christian celebration of Easter and the message of Hope it contains. May we take this opportunity to remind you that we would love you to join us at our Easter Service on Thursday 29th March at 2.30pm in St Elphin's Church and also to wish all our school families a very Happy and Blessed Easter time—May you truly know the peace, joy and happiness that this special time of year brings.

St Rocco's Hospice 'FLUMPETS' will be on sale during morning playtime next week at a cost of £1.50. These are usually very popular and sell out quickly so please make sure you bring your money—correct change appreciated. This is such a worthy, local cause—Let's raise some money for St Rocco's!

EASTER BREAK

Please note: School closes Thursday 29th March for Easter Weekend only—re-opening Tuesday 3rd April. School then closes for a one week Easter break on Friday 6th April and re-opens on Monday 16th April for the Summer term.

St Elphin's Verse for Easter:

IN HIS GREAT **mercy**
He has given us
NEW BIRTH
INTO A LIVING **HOPE**
THROUGH THE
resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead
-1 Peter 1:3

Reception and Y3 toothbrush and toothpaste distribution scheme —see back page

PTFA "Guess the Bunny's Birthday" will be running until Wed 28th March. It costs £1 per go to win a Build-A-Bear Bunny and treats. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 29th March.

PARENT PAY—REMINDER OF CHANGES COMING SOON

We are currently in the process of preparing to go CASHLESS in school. Although the start date has not yet been confirmed, we will be transferring over to PARENT PAY for school dinners, trip payments etc. The only things we are unsure whether we can include are EYFS snack money and Little Elphin's. Moving to a cashless systems means you will be able to pay through your bank, by setting up a regular payment, by debit card and also by using the PAYPOINT in shops, which many of you may already be familiar with for paying bills. We are sure you will agree that this will be a much more efficient and convenient way of keeping on top of payments. Watch this space!



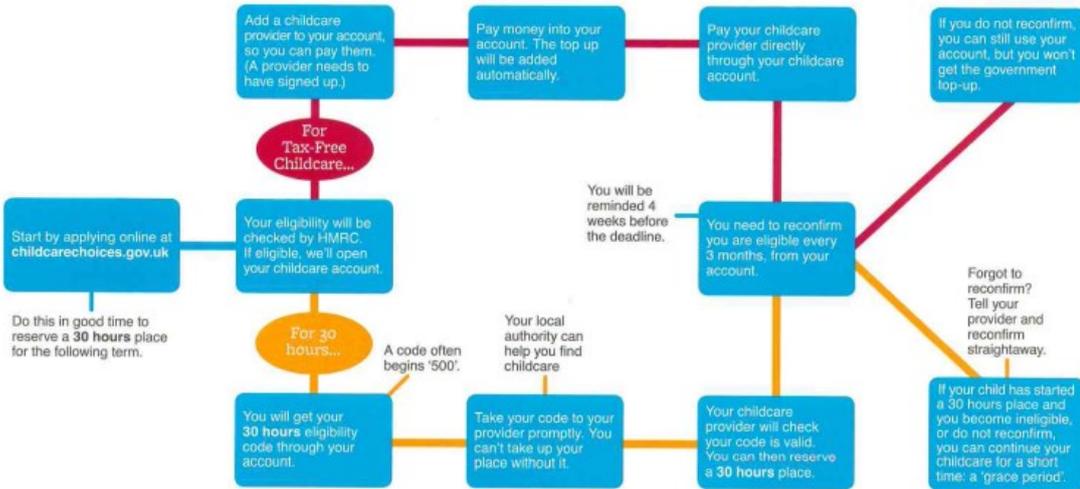
FOR THE ATTENTION OF RECEPTION AND Y3 PARENTS/CARERS:

Warrington Oral Health Promotion Team are currently working with the Primary schools in Warrington to set up a Toothpaste and Toothbrush distribution scheme. This is being offered to all Reception and Year 3 children. Our main focus will be promoting the use of family fluoride toothpaste amongst young children, as there is clear evidence to support the effectiveness of fluoride in reducing dental decay. (Delivering Better Oral Health; DOH 2009)

There is no fluoride added to the water supply in Warrington. Many young children in Warrington still experience high levels of tooth decay. Associated with this is severe pain, sleepless nights, time off school to attend the dentist and often removal of teeth. We aim to encourage young children to become more independent and take more responsibility for their health. All children taking part will be provided with toothbrush, toothpaste and an information leaflet and will receive one pack every 3 months."

How to apply for 30 hours and Tax-Free Childcare

Use the joint application for both Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours. Follow the steps below to get the most out of your childcare account and to access your 30 hours code.



Check your childcare options at childcarechoices.gov.uk



We currently don't have any 30 hour places available but we should have approximately 11 places in September. If you are interested in a place, please collect a letter and leaflet from the School office.

This Week's Attendance Heroes

12th – 16th March 2018



- H** Here
- E** Every day
- R** Ready
- O** On time

EYFS:	Mrs Williams (EYFS)	98%
KS1:	Miss Ashcroft (Y2)	99%
LKS2:	Mrs Nunn (Y3)	96.9%
UKS2:	Miss Ward (Y6)	98%

Fantastic - Well Done!

Whole School Attendance 96.05%

HELPING HANDS NEEDED FOR THE ST ELPHIN'S PARK EASTER EGG HUNT!



SUNDAY 8TH APRIL
FROM 11:30AM
ST ELPHIN'S PARK
MANCHESTER ROAD
WARRINGTON



Helpful parents are needed to support with the fun activities at the Easter Egg Hunt – everything from planting bulbs, crafts, and making sure the park is left lovely and tidy.

Bring your kids to join in the fun and lend a hand to make the day a success! Free community events like this couldn't run without helpful people like you lending a hand, so get involved and show your support!

Interested? Contact Stef for full details: 01925 246880 or email stef@warringtonva.org.uk