



ELTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Y1 St Francis Class Information

Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new term and a new school year. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. It's hard to believe that we are about to start week 2 already! We've had a great start to the new year; all the children have settled in well and we've had plenty of smiles and no tears! I've tried to cover most of the significant things below, but if there is anything I've missed, or if you would like to talk to me about something specific, please email me mmytton@elton.cambs.sch.uk or phone the office to make an appointment. We are lucky to have Miss Muggleton with us all day and every day in class, and we have additional support from Mrs Allen, and Miss Logan. Please say hello to us all at the end of the school day or if you see us around school. We love being able to put a face to the name.

The Big Question: The 'Big Question' for the whole school this term is "What does it mean to be powerful?", and we shall be endeavouring to explore 2 key concepts through this question, which are **Responsibility** and **Wealth**. We will be covering a broad curriculum including taking a good look at what it means to be a Queen, by focusing on *Elizabeth I, Victoria and Elizabeth I*.

Visits: Year 1 and 2 will be having a joint visit to Peterborough Cathedral this term, and we will confirm this very soon. Please look out for an email with further details.

PE: Our timetabled PE slot this half term is timetabled for Friday morning and will be taught by Callum. Please remember that earrings should be removed or taped and long hair should be tied back, in accordance with the school uniform policy.

Homework: A mental maths task and spellings will be set on Microsoft **TEAMS** every Thursday beginning 19.9.24 (see below) and should be returned by the following Wednesday, by either photographing and putting on Teams or sending me a paper copy in to school. The school is trying to reduce the amount of paper we use, so I won't be sending out paper copies of homework **unless you specifically request one**. If you need a paper copy of the homework then please let me know. We will do a spelling "quiz" on Thursday afternoon. I try to keep this as stress-free as possible, but appreciate that some children do feel anxious about it (even when we avoid the word 'test'). There are usually 2 or 3 groups for spellings so please don't worry if your child's spellings are different to friends' spellings. You will only be able to access your child's group's homework on Teams. Please check the log in details sent out in book bags.

Please try to do 5 minutes of maths and spelling every day rather than 30 minutes all in one go – "a little and often" is by far the best way to commit things to long-term memory. If you have any queries about how to approach a particular task, please let me know and I will be happy to help.

Teams, Purple Mash, and EdShed: Teams is an online platform we use for home learning. **Please note: Teams is not ready for use this term and we will send new passwords when they are available.** Purple Mash and EdShed are education websites which we use in school to support and motivate learning across the curriculum. Logins for these are attached to this letter. **Please**

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check usernames and passwords – as some passwords will have changed. Please log out and then log back in using the new password.

Reading: We are using the same scheme this year as in EYFS (Collins Big Cat). Children do guided reading with an adult three times a week in school. I will put the book children have been reading in school online each week (this could be Thursday or Friday). These can be accessed via the on the Collins Open page site: **Collins Ebooks. New usernames and passwords will be issued as soon as we have them. Last year's passwords will not work.** Children can bring home a reading for pleasure book every week. Please return these to school so that other children can borrow them.

Many thanks for your support. Year 1 TAs and I are looking forward to a busy and exciting term with your children. If you have any worries or concerns then please get in touch straight away.

Kind regards

Michelle Mytton