

The term is moving fast and already the school is starting to fill with the sound of Christmas songs. Please check the school website calendar and diary dates for the events for the rest of the term. Thank you for those parents who supported the ILEARN sessions on Phonics in Year 1 and 2 and we look forward to seeing Year R parents on Thursday 16th at 2.30pm, as home support really does move on your child's learning.

Uniform and labelling clothes/ PE kits

Towards the end of last half term we have a lot of children that had mislaid clothes. Please can you ensure that all clothes are named as it is costly for you to replace them. In addition, can I remind you that PE kits are to be black shorts or tracksuits bottoms with a red or white top.

If you need any additional uniform we have donated items that you are welcome to have.

ILEARN sessions

What are they? ILEARN sessions are opportunities to come into school and work alongside your child in a specific learning area. These areas are chosen at key times in the year and are relevant to your child's learning journey. **Why do we have them?** We have them so that parents can learn alongside their children and feel comfortable with helping them at home. Thank you to those parents that attended the recent sessions around phonics. If you were unable to make it the presentations can be found on the school website.

Children in Need 2023

On Friday 17th November it is Children in Need day. We ask that the children come to school in sportswear (any it does not have to be school PE Kit)- each class is learning a dance.

50p donation per family.

Lateness

Please can I remind you that school starts at 8.45am it is important that your child is in class and ready to learn for this time.

PTA events

Non school uniform day on Monday 27th November in exchange for a bottle (this can be bubble bath, wine, juice). Anything that comes in a bottle.

This is for our bottle tombola.

Goodbye

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Karsenbarg as our school caretaker. She has loved and cared for our school for the last two years. We wish her well on her new journey. If you know anyone who would be interested in this role then please follow the link:

<https://www.elinginfant.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>

Year R and Year 3 applications for September 2024

If your child is in Year 2 or in Nursery please remember that admissions applications opened on 1st November. The closing date for applying to Infant or Junior school is 15th January 2024.

If you know anyone who would like to join Eling in September 2024 we are still able to book tours to have a look around and to speak to Mrs Sillence. Please contact the school office on 02380 862267.

<https://www.elinginfant.co.uk/virtual-tour-1/>



Attendance

Attendance for October is **94.5%** the national target is **96%**. It is important that your child is in school everyday that they are well.

Thank you to all the parents who have phoned into the school office before 9am **each day** that your child has been sick. Remember if you do not notify the school with a reason for your child's absence then it will be recorded as unauthorised.

See attached the schools Attendance Policy 2023

Many thanks for your continued support.

Trina Sillence

Headteacher