



# Newsletter 9

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*A belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you had a good Christmas break and that you managed to find some time to enjoy some much needed relaxation over the Festive period. We have already been busy over the first part of this term and wanted to update you all.*



*Christmas already seems like a distant memory but can I say a huge thank you to everyone who made donations to The Children's Society collection that we made for our Christingle service. Altogether, you raised £58.86 for this very worthy cause. Although we were not able to welcome parents into St Leonard's Church for the service, it was great to remember the true reason for the Christmas season. Thank you to Margaret Pye for conducting the service for us.*

*As you will know, the key to good progress in school is good attendance. Unfortunately, over the past term, our attendance figure has fallen and we have a larger number of children with what is nationally regarded as "persistent absences". This is an attendance figure of below 90%. Parents of children with lower than 90% attendance may expect contact from the school's Educational Welfare Officer to support you with your child's attendance, depending on the circumstances of your child's absences.*

*The illustration alongside shows the impact of poor attendance and lateness. It can be particularly upsetting for some children when they arrive after the school day has started and does have an impact on their mental well-being and education.*

### Every School Day Counts



### Every Minute Counts

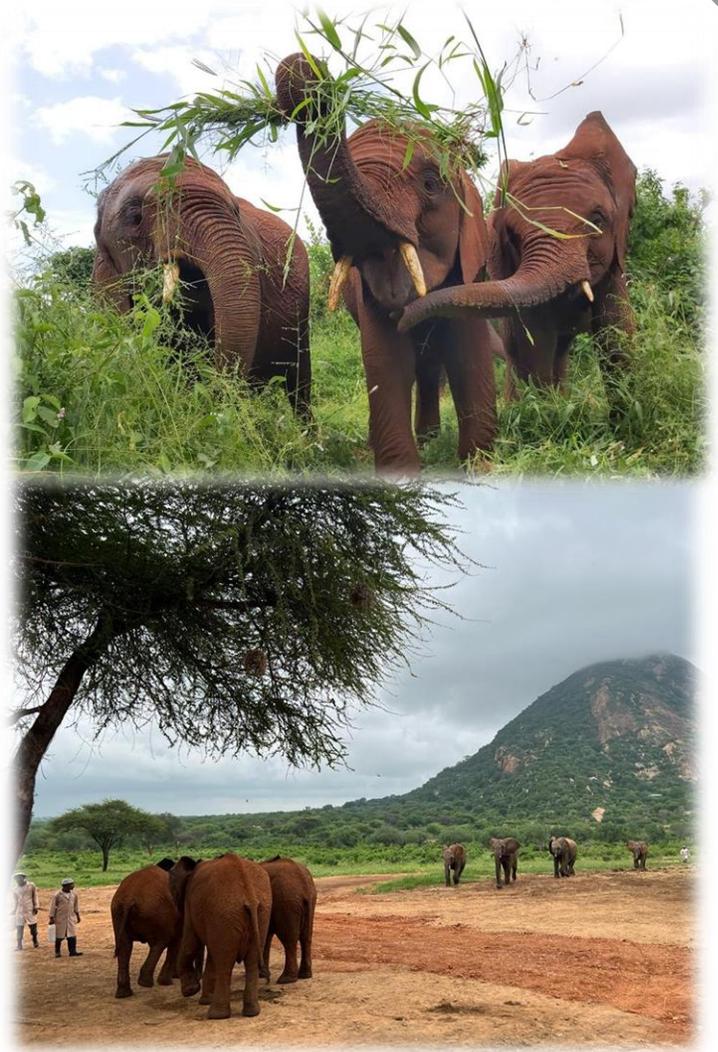
**LATENESS = LOST LEARNING**  
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

**Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!**

*You may remember from one of our autumn newsletters that one of our ex-pupils, Imani, had with her mum, adopted an elephant called Naboishu for the school. In the early hours of Saturday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> January, Naboishu, along with 2 other elephants said farewell to the Nairobi Elephant Nursery where they had been living, in order to move to the Ithumba Reintegration Unit, to prepare them for their return to living in the wild. A video of the move can be found [here](#). Naboishu settled in really well to his new accommodation where he met more elephants than ever before. Naboishu has a reputation for being a mischievous elephant but apparently was on his best behaviour during and after the move as he became accustomed to his new home. We look forward to sharing more news about Naboishu's return to the wild over the coming months.*

*Thank you once gain to Imani and her mum for very kindly adopting Naboishu on behalf of the school.*



*There will be no Messy Church meetings in January or February owing to the ongoing national guidelines regarding Covid. However, the very popular Messy Church craft bags will be available again this February. If you would like your child / children to receive one, please contact Penny Christison using [pennyanne68@gmail.com](mailto:pennyanne68@gmail.com) to arrange this. Bags will be delivered around the 17<sup>th</sup> February. You can also use the same email address to book for the next Messy Church session which is due to be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at The Fleece.*

## *Diary Dates*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Swimming starts for Years 2-5**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Kingfisher class visit to Envirosort**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of spring term 1**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – First day of spring term 2**