



# Elm C of E Primary School

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

Dear Parents,

### Meet the teacher

Many thanks to those parents who attended our meet the teacher sessions this week. I hope you found them useful. If you were not able to attend, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time for an introductory chat.

### Clubs

All clubs should be running this week. We still have room in most clubs for more children. In particular the Archery Club run by Premier Sports on Friday mornings has a lot of room. Please contact the school office if you have lost the paperwork.

### Homework consultation

I am still collecting your views about homework. What do you think? Complete the slip at the end of the letter to tell us. Thank you.

### Car parking reminder

Please do not bring your cars into the front staff car park. Not only does it cause problems for deliveries and staff coming and going, it can also be dangerous for children coming and going on foot. Thank you.

### Educational visits reminder

Next week we have exciting educational visits on Tuesday (Year 3), Wednesday (Y4) and Thursday (Y5 and 6). The class teachers have sent home letters explaining what is happening, but if you are unsure, please contact the school office. It is essential that we have permission slips returned and that we meet the costs of the trips. Thank you.

### Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 2 – well done Miss Buckley's class!! Overall attendance was 96.3%. Very disappointing for the second week of term. Of the 3.7% absence so far, 2.6% is unauthorised absence – mainly holidays. Several children are missing crucial early learning. I hope we can do better next week.

Class	Attendance
Reception	98%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	91.4%
Year 6	96.4%

### Achievement awards

#### a) *Good to be green*

Kian Amey, Fletcher Clifford, Ashton Busby, Naysa Monteiro, Alexis Loveridge, Thomas Ryan, Lacey Fitt, Tyler Barnes, Ben Flowers, Libby Myles, Samuel Bowers and Amy Barrett. Well done!

**b) Lunchtime awards**

The following children were picked out by our midday staff as behaving particularly well: Lincoln Warden, Amy Barrett, Amelia Porter and Jenson Chapman. Well done!

**c) Learning awards**

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons this week to: Sophie Maycroft, Nikita Bowers, Sienna Millar, Jack Hircock, Annabelle Loates and Nell Hanlon. Well done.

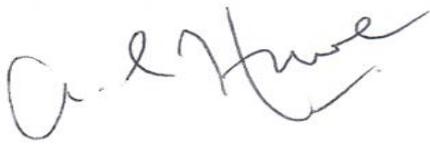
**d) Pen licences**

Once again we are awarding pen licences for children whose handwriting is sufficiently neat and joined. Some children will need to earn them again if their writing is not at the required standard yet. Others may simply continue if they were awarded last year. We have seen some good progress already in Year 4 – these children are receiving pen licences today: Keira Blackford-Frost, McKenzie Watson, Maddison Doughty, Oriana Costa, Tiffany Clark, Vanessa Bulwa, Harry Exell, Ellen Reynolds and Nicole Misquitta. Well done.

**Dates for the diary**

- During the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October we will be holding our Special Needs interviews with parents. We will send a separate letter home to you to make an appointment.
- Meeting to hear about the annual residential visit to Grafham Water for children in Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- Swimming starts for Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- Harvest Festival is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10 a.m. in All Saints Church.
- The half term holiday starts on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October and we have a staff training day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, so children come back to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

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**Homework consultation**

Please tell us what you think would be useful, and your thoughts about homework.

- Your child's class.....
- Are you in favour of regular homework? YES/NO

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