



Elm C of E Primary Academy

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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 3rd November, 2017

Dear Parents,

Academy Status

At long last we have become an academy member of the Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust. Gradually parents will note some minor changes to our practices and procedures, but there is little difference as far as the children are concerned at this stage. Rather than approaching Cambridgeshire County Council, parents should be aware that the body responsible for our work from now on is DEMAT, contactable at

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust
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Half term family outdoor activities and Tesco Bags of Help scheme

Fenland Explorers ran some very successful outdoor activities over the half term holiday. Many thanks to Katie Dean and Groundworks and to the parents and children who took part. In Tesco at the moment you should be able to vote for a project to improve our outdoor facilities at Elm. The bags of Help scheme will fund improvements to our outdoor classroom and help with staff training. Please vote for us when you visit Tesco! This is also supported by the Groundworks charity.

School Council

School Council members from Elm, together with children from St Martin's at Shouldham and All Saints Stoke Ferry, visited the Houses of Parliament on Thursday. They were able to see both the House of Commons and the House of Lords at work. They were congratulated on their behaviour and learned a great deal. Many thanks to Ms. Atkins and Ms. Carver who accompanied this special visit.



Lost property

A lady's silver ring was found on the driveway area of the school this week. If anyone has lost a ring please contact the school office.

Clubs

Please note that we are now offering a hockey club after school on Tuesdays, a mindfulness club (Frog Club) at lunchtime on Tuesdays and a new, free dance/drama club on Fridays, starting next week. Information about these has already gone home and parents should liaise with Premier Sports directly.

Be safe, be seen

We are distributing reflective stickers from KLFM as a road safety resource (could stick it on a coat or a bag). Our thanks to KLFM – we have been featured on their breakfast show.

School Photographs

Individual photos will be taken on Friday 17th November. If you would like a family picture including any pre-school children you should come in at 8 a.m. The pictures will be taken in the school hall. Please come to the office for the family portraits. Other family groups (i.e. without pre-school children) will be taken during the day.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 4 (Kestrels) with 99.38%. Really well done!! Overall attendance last week was 96.27%, which is on target! Regular attendance supports your child's learning!

Class		Attendance
Robins	Reception	90.54%
Owls	Year 1	94.67%
Swans	Year 2	99.31%
Magpies	Year 3	95.71%
Kestrels	Year 4	99.38%
Kingfishers	Year 5	97.5%
Eagles	Year 6	96.77%

Achievement awards

- a) **Good to be Green!** This week these children showed particularly great behaviour: Tegan Hibbitt, Alfie Rawnsley, Tommy Fitt, Olivia Newell, Swayley Smith, Jenson Chapman, Elli-May Mitcham, Lily-Ella Warden, Joshua Jones, Joseph Ruff, Lacey Fitt, Ethan James, Chloe Wright and Bethany Hancock. Well done!
- b) **Learning awards:** Oscar Ford, Eden-Lily Summers, George Hircock, Lewis Johnson, Kieran Wakefield, Theo Newell and Jasmin Joyce. Well done!
- c) **Lunchtime awards:** Lexi Warden, Mason Barnes, Cassie Overland and Annie Gooch. Well done.
- d) **Lexia certificates** (for improvement in reading skills): Aaron Tegerdine, Jenson Chapman, Teja Bucmyte, Will Garfoot, Grace Clarke, Naysa Monteiro and Swayley Smith. Well done!
- e) **Pen licences:** Ella Lines. Well done.
- f) **Frog Class:** best behaviour this week was in Robins (Reception). Well done!

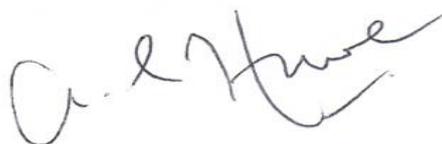
Collective worship

Next week our themes will be about leadership and Remembrance. Crowns Trust are also visiting on Tuesday and will lead an assembly with an anti-bullying theme. A range of Remembrance products including the traditional poppies will be on sale in school from Tuesday. Pupils are asked to bring a small donation for the British Legion in memory of the servicemen and women who have given their lives for their country for poppies. We will let you know the prices of any other merchandise we receive from the British Legion on Monday.

Dates for the diary

- Flu' vaccinations this Thursday 9th November Years R – 4 – please return permissions slips.
- Maths café Thursday 16th November – more information to follow.
- Children in Need (spotty day) will be on Thursday 16th November
- We break up for Christmas on Friday 15th December.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher