



Elm C of E Primary School

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Friday 4th November, 2016

Dear Parents,

Academy status

As you will be aware the school is seeking academy status by joining the Diocese of Ely Academy Trust. The process of converting the school is proving to be lengthy! Nevertheless, it is going ahead and preparations are well underway. There will be a meeting for parents to hear more about the change and what it will mean for the school on Thursday 17th November at 3.30 p.m. in the hall. We will provide a crèche. Please use the tear off slip below to tell us if you are coming.

Remembrance Week

Poppies and related items will go on sale in school from Monday 7th November, leading up to Remembrance Day on 11th November. The vicar is coming to take assembly with a remembrance theme on Tuesday next week and we will be taking some time during the week to consider the service to our nation given by our armed forces. If you or your child wish to buy one of the items they should bring in the right amount of money, preferably in an envelope, as listed below. Do not send money to the office – older pupils will go from class to class with the items for sale. All proceeds go to the British Legion who support service men and their families.

- Poppies: your donation is up to you.
- Friendship bracelet: £1
- Slap rulers: £1
- Wristbands: £0.50
- Reflectors: £0.50
- LED torch £1

Maths café

Following the success of our Reading Café, we are trying something similar for maths on Friday 11th November. Parents are invited into class as follows to work with their children on a variety of exciting and practical maths activities:

- 9 – 9.45 a.m. Years 6, 1 and 2
- 9.45 – 10.30 a.m. Years 4 and 5
- 10.45 – 11.30 a.m. Reception and Year 3

On this occasion we will serve tea and cake in the hall but this will be an opportunity to look at resources, find out about what we are doing in maths, meet the Tackling Tables people, etc.

Children will stay in class. You will also be free to visit other classes where the maths activities are happening. Resources for use at home will be on sale, including Tackling Tables materials. We expect to offer a crèche.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 6 with 100%. Well done!! Overall attendance last week was 96.2%. Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	92.9%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	100%

Security and safety

First of all I wanted to let parents know that we have upgraded and extended our CCTV coverage, both in the school building and outside in the playground and nursery area. This is helpful as it gives better security after hours and in holidays. It also means we can monitor more of the school during the day.

Secondly, can I remind parents that a member of staff is on duty from 8.30 a.m. in the morning in the playground. After school staff are also around outside for 10 minutes as children are being picked up, but are not supervising children once they have been handed over. Please make sure you supervise your children at this time so that they are safe.

Elm School Association

Firstly congratulations to all involved with the cake sale at the end of the last half term. £122.40 was raised. Currently funds are being raised for library books and i-pads. Secondly a disco is planned for Monday 19th December. More information to follow.

Photos

Individual and family photos will be taken on Monday 14th November. If you want a family group these will be taken from 8 a.m. in the Elm Centre. I am sure children will look extra smart!

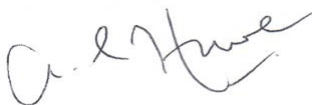
Bikeability for Year 5 and 6

Reminder: cycle training is scheduled for the first week of the Easter holiday but we need to get pupils registered now. A letter has already gone out but it is not too late to sign up. Please return forms to the school office.

Dates for the diary

- Anti-bullying week starts Monday 14th November.
- Children in Need Day – Friday 18th November.
- Christmas Tree service – Friday 2nd December 2016 at 2 p.m.
- 7th and 8th December – parent consultation days.
- Tuesday 13th December at 10 a.m. – Christmas service at All Saints Church.
- Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Fair from 3.30 p.m.
- Thursday 15th December – Christmas Lunch.
- Nativity performances from Years R, 1 and 2 will be on Thursday 15th December and Friday 16th December at 2 p.m.
- Christmas Jumper day Friday 16th December in aid of Children in Need
- Elm School Association children’s disco on Monday 19th December.
- The Christmas holiday starts on Wednesday 21st December. We have a staff training day on Wednesday 4th January 2017. Children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

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Academy meeting

Yes, I will be attending the meeting on Thursday 17th November at 3.30 p.m. to hear more about the academy conversion for Elm CE Primary School.

Parent name.....

Childcare required for.....**(how many) children.**