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Friday 11th November, 2016

Dear Parents,

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week in assemblies and in our PSHE lessons we will be talking about bullying. We will also be finding out the children's views about bullying with a survey, introducing a Friendship Stop to the playground and running a poster competition with the title "Power for Good". Please encourage your children to take part. There will be prizes and house points available. Children should use the sheet attached for their entries, which should be in by Monday 21st November.

Children in Need

On Friday we have Children in Need day. The School Council has decided we will dress up and wear something spotty for the cause, and contribute a £1 to help with all the great work this charity supports.

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.

Maths café

This was a great success! Many thanks to all the staff for the activities they ran and to Miss Beresford especially for her organisation. We were also glad to welcome staff from Shouldham St. Martin's Primary School and our friends from Tackling Tables. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and found out a lot. Thank you to ESA and kitchen for your support with the Maths Café!

Grafham Water residential visit

Reminder: deposits are to be paid by Friday 18th November to secure your child's place. As we have a waiting list at the moment it is essential that you do pay the deposit or we will offer the place elsewhere.

Flu immunisation

For Years 1, 2, and 3: this is happening on Wednesday 23rd November. If you wish your child to have the immunisation please return the consent forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 6 with 98.9%. Well done again!! Overall attendance last week was 95.4%. Can do better, but I do know there is some sickness out there at the moment. Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	92.6%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	98.9%

Achievement awards

a) Good to be green

Eden-Lily Summers, Oliver Kent, Abby Myles, Lanalilly Stickwood, Daisy Rayner, Morgan Price, Kay Phoenix, Joseph Ruff, Kelly-Marie Smith, Jack Hircock, Gracie-Jane Lloyd, Jay Phoenix, Oscar Drew and Montanna Lenton . Well done!

b) Lunchtime awards

The following children were picked out by our midday staff as behaving particularly well: Gracie-Lee Reed, Tiffany Clark, Kenia O’Gorman and Maisy Reed. Well done!

c) Learning awards

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons this week to: Harley Lunn, Jake Ford, Mason Hills, Phoebe Axten-Mattingley, Grantas Samuilis, Max Layn and Fearnie Ketteringham. Well done.

d) Pen licences

Once again we are awarding pen licences for children whose handwriting is sufficiently neat and joined. Well done Zanas Johnson, Harrison Rae, Jess Stoppard and Verity Baines..

e) Lexia

Well done to Luke Loveridge and Jimmy Dixon for progress with this reading scheme.

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 the 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

- 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.

Anti-bullying poster competition, on the theme “Power for Good!”

Child’s name..... Year group..... House.....

