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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 9th February, 2018

Dear Parents,

Staffing changes

This has been a very challenging half term, full of illness and difficulty for staff. I want to pay tribute to teachers and assistants who have done their best despite personal problems and illness. We really do have a great, if somewhat depleted team at Elm. Everyone deserves a good rest.

I am sorry to tell parents that Ms Atkins will not be returning to school for the foreseeable future, for personal reasons. As soon as I can let parents know more I will do so. In the meantime I can tell you that Mrs Thurgood is transferring from Year 5 to Year 6 to teach alongside Mrs Pearson, and will be working as acting deputy headteacher. Year 5 will be staffed by Mr Dexter starting immediately after half term for the next 6 weeks. A permanent arrangement will be made as soon as possible for the rest of the year. Mrs Thurgood will continue to plan the work for Year 5 and ensure that things run smoothly for them. We have also put together an agreement with St Martin at Shouldham Primary Academy for the deputy headteacher there, Mr Steeden, to spend two days a week supporting in Y5 to ensure the best outcomes for your children. I will write again when I can with more detail.

All Saints Church Bells

This Sunday Bishop Stephen will be leading a special service at All Saints Church at 3 p.m. to bless the new church bells. I have asked Y4 children if they would like to go along and do some very simple readings for the occasion. I have had very limited response. So I am opening this up to the rest of the children and parents – if you would like to take part in the service and perhaps do a simple reading, I know that Rev Dawn would love to see you in church at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Thank you.

A note from the office

If parents would like to pay lunch money for the whole of the next half term the amount due is £ 68.15. Thank you.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 4 (Kestrels) with 98.75%. Well done!! Overall attendance was 95.68%. We hope to see a real improvement over the next half term.

Class		Attendance
Robins	Reception	96.67%
Owls	Year 1	98%
Swans	Year 2	96.67%
Magpies	Year 3	91.43%
Kestrels	Year 4	98.75%
Kingfishers	Year 5	90.94%
Eagles	Year 6	97.33%

Achievement awards

Good to be green certificates: Toby Baker, Sofia Springham, Suzie-May McMullen, Jaiden Page, Lily Whyte, Nikita Bowers, Ashton Busby, Madisyn Edwards, Summer Cox, Oscar Rolfe, Kelly-Marie Smith, Thien Clare and Cody Asker-Browne. Well done!

Learning awards: Harry Jones, Billy-Joe Clarke, Harley Lunn, Kian Amey, Kala Cicek, Eamonn Smith, Ellen Reynolds and Kasey O’Gorman. Well done!

Lunchtime awards: Fletcher Wilson, Ela Whitby, Rio Lloyd and McKenzie Watson. Well done!

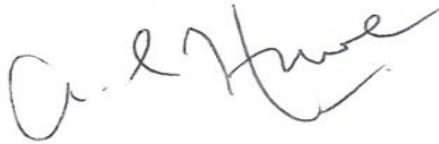
Lexia: Casey Alpin, Kala Cicek, Lewis Johnson, Grace Clarke and Deacon Barnes. Well done.

We also presented a number of Bikeability awards in assembly.

Dates for the diary

- The ESA are planning a Disco for Monday 19th February on our return to school. 5.30 p.m. for Years R, 1, 2 and 3 and 6.45 for Years 4, 5 and 6. A letter has already been circulated about this.
- We break up for half term today Friday 9th February and return to school on Monday 19th February. The spring term ends on Thursday 29th March and the summer term begins on Monday 16th April.
- The Spring Term consultation evenings will take place on 21st and 22nd March.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. E. Howe'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Headteacher