



# Elm C of E Primary School

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**Everyone learning, everyone caring!**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Dear Parents,

### Key Stage 2 SATs – Year 6

**Well of course we do not know how well the children did, but I have to say they all turned up every day and they all tried really hard and behaved with real concentration and commitment. My thanks go to all parents who got the children to school in a positive frame of mind, to the staff who have prepared the children, and to the children for their great attitude in the tests.**

### Parking outside school

Parents will see a banner outside which we are displaying to try and discourage parents from parking illegally and in an unsafe way outside school. This is the start of a campaign to improve parent parking – the children will be involved as well as Cambridgeshire Road Safety department. Please do not park dangerously around the school. Please show respect for road users, pedestrians and local residents. Thank you. We will be monitoring parking closely.

### Cambridgeshire Year 5 maths Challenge

Mrs Thurgood took a team of 4 children from Year 5 to the Cambridgeshire Maths Challenge after school on Tuesday. They did well and were highly commended for their excellent memory skills! Well done.

### Grafham Water reminder

Can we please remind parents to pay off the balance of monies owing for the Grafham Water residential visit, by 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

### Elm School Association Cake Sale

Please support this event by bring in some cakes on the day, or just before, and turning up to buy an end of half term treat for your family - 26<sup>th</sup> May 3.10 p.m.

### Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 6, with a brilliant 99.3%. Superb! Overall attendance last week was 95.3%, which is unsatisfactory! We can do better – good attendance is important as the year nears its end – children are learning lots and also preparing for assessments or doing them. They need to be here. Please note that in the light of the recent ruling in the Isle of Wight Supreme Court case Cambridgeshire have issued the following statement:

**UNAUTHORISED TERM TIME LEAVE (includes holiday): any parent who takes a child out of school for term time leave of more than 6 consecutive sessions over a 4 week period, not authorised by the school (under exceptional circumstances rule), may receive a Penalty Notice.** Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	92%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	99.3%

## **Achievement awards**

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

These children stayed on green all week: Alissia Millar, Jack Gower, Philip Harrington, Lanalilly Stickwood, Ashton Busby, Naysa Monteiro, Sienna Millar, Keiran Wakefield, callum Clarke, Callum Bowers, Gracie Carter and Flynn Dawson. Well done!

### **b) Learning awards**

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons to: Ela Whitby, Mason Barnes, Lily Hunt, Brooke Richmond, Lacey Fitt and Amelia Porter. Well done!

### **c) Lunchtime awards:** Samuel Barwell, Annabelle Loates, Jack Layn and Jake Ford. Well done.

We have not made awards to Year 6 this week as they have all worked and behaved so well this week! Well done to all!

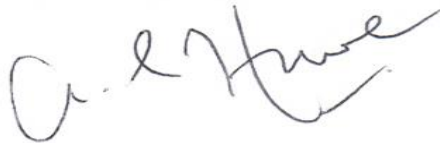
## **Collective worship theme next week: Christian Aid Week**

We are celebrating Christian Aid Week next week in our worship. We are thinking about having a safe place to call home and we will be raising funds for refugees. Please support the children's efforts.

## **Dates for the diary**

- We have a training day scheduled for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This is the last one of the year.
- Year 2 SATs testing begins 15<sup>th</sup> May for two weeks – please ensure your children are at school every day!
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 visit to Ely Cathedral Festival
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – break up for half term holiday.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Village Fair after school.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sports Day. Refreshments provided by ESA (reserve date 28<sup>th</sup> June).
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – end of year disco run by ESA.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher