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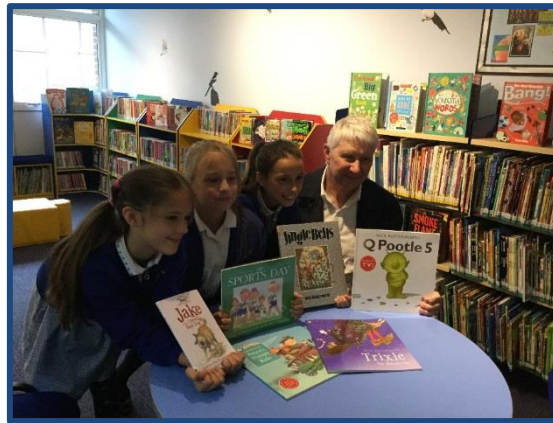
Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 9th June, 2017

Dear Parents,

Nick Butterworth – library opening

On Tuesday we were very lucky in having the famous children's author Nick Butterworth in school. He made a really stimulating presentation to the whole school in which he read from his stories, showed us his illustrating skills, talked about the skills of writing and generally delighted us with his humour and ideas. Then he opened the library and signed books for over an hour. It was a privilege to meet him! Many thanks to Mrs Thurgood who did much of the organising for this event.



SIAMs Inspection

Following the recent visit from the SIAMs inspector Elizabeth Pitchford, the SIAMs report has been released and will be attached to this letter. It is a very positive read and gives the school a lot to be hopeful about. We have set down a marker for the school's improvement. The headlines are as follows:

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Elm as a Church of England school are good

- The headteacher has a clear vision for the school as a church school and is well supported by a valued strong staff team who work well together within an ethos of mutual respect and support.
- The good relations between the school and the church serve to enrich the life of the school, by promoting a shared understanding of church school distinctiveness.
- The Christian ethos is reflected through an inclusive approach in the belief that each child is 'a gift' and that learning and spirituality can be developed together.
- The dedication of school leaders and relations with the church are valued and respected by parents.

Sports day

Sports day is planned for Wednesday 21st June. Key Stage 2 children will be competing in the morning from 9.30 – 11.45 a.m. Each child will have the chance to take part in five races. Key Stage 1 and Reception will be competing in the afternoon, starting at 1.15 p.m. and concluding just before the end of school. The younger children will have a circuit of sporting activities to take part in and then 3 races at the end of the event. Mr Luke Weston is co-ordinating the day again – it was very successful last year and I am sure parents will enjoy it, weather permitting, once again. Wednesday 28th June is our reserve day if the conditions are poor. It is helpful if your child can wear their house colour. We look forward to greeting lots of supportive parents on the day.

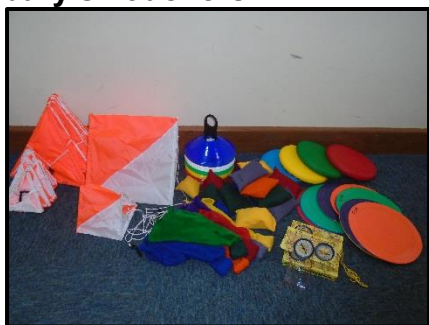
Parking

Please note our new banner which says "Parking on the zig-zags is selfish and dangerous." Please park safely and help protect our children from traffic danger. This week we noted a car with the following registration parked illegally: **AJ04 YGX**.

Village Fair

We are hosting the fair on Friday 16th June after school. Please help us raise funds for the school and church by coming along and supporting us, and if you can by running a stall (leave your details at the school office). It promises to be a lot of fun, with bouncy castles, barbecue and all the fun of the fair! Come and support your village community!! All raffle tickets, sold or unsold, should be returned to school by Tuesday 13th June 2017. Thank you.

Sainsbury's vouchers



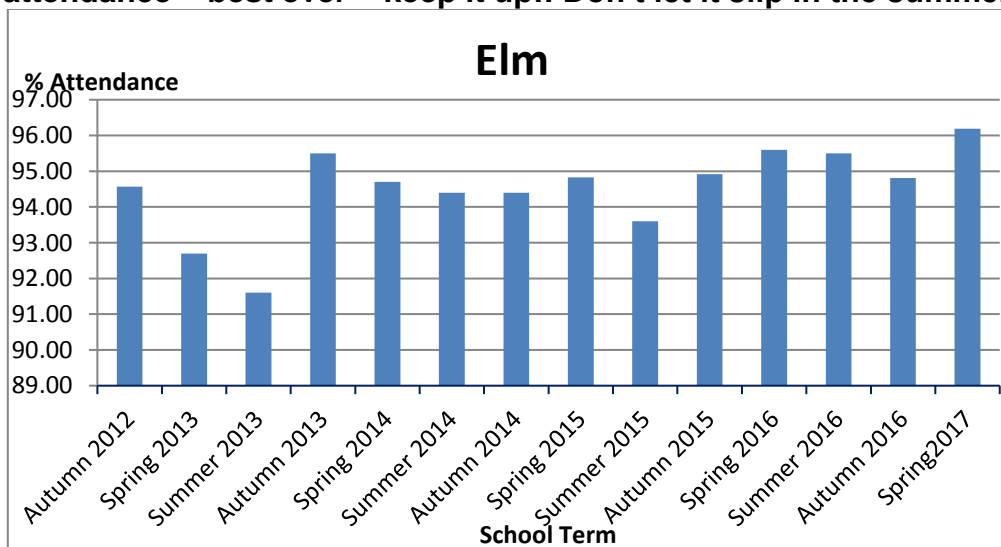
Thank you to all those who submitted Sainsbury's Vouchers. We were able to purchase some very useful sports equipment.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 1, with 96.6%. Overall attendance last week was 94.7%, which is Poor again! Please note 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	Percentage attendance this week
Reception	92.3%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	91.5%

Spring term attendance – best ever – keep it up!! Don't let it slip in the summer!



Achievement awards

a) Good to be green

These children stayed on green all week: Tommy Fitt, Florence Cooper, Thomas Russell, Aaron Tegerdine, Savanna Redworth, Morgan Price, Macey Barnes, Luke Loveridge, Ellen Reynolds, Oscar Rolfe, Shelby Gathercole, Joshua Thacker, Montanna Lenton and Jack Layn. Well done!

b) Learning awards

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons to: Sophia Springham, Joshua Ruff, Lewis Johnson, Ralphie Lloyd, Callum Bowers, Dannielle Martin and Alzy Williams. Well done.

c) Lunchtime awards: Lacey Pearl, Tyler Barnes, Emily Narramore and Lanalilly Stickwood. Well done.

d) Lexia certificates: Alexis Loveridge, Maya Smith, Naysa Monteiro, Eamonn Smith and Kay Phoenix. Well done!

Collective worship theme after half term next week: The Trinity.

We are thinking about the Trinity next week. God may be explained as three elements: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our big question will be **how can we explain the Trinity?**

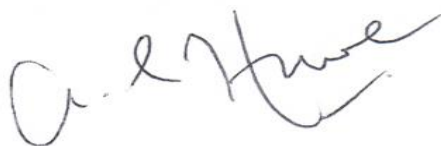
Pentecost house competition

In our worship this week we have been thinking about the moment the church got started. In an upstairs room the disciples were gathered together when they were visited by a violent wind, by fire and by the Holy Spirit. Then they were given the gift of being able to speak in many different languages so that they could spread the good news about Jesus. I am asking the children to produce a piece of art work based on this scene. Can the children produce a painting, a drawing or some other work of art (collage, printing, textile...) depicting the events of Pentecost? Closing date will be Monday 19th June. Please use the slip below to attach to your child's art work to make sure that we know to whom it belongs and which house they belong to. Thank you.

Dates for the diary

- We have a training day scheduled for Monday 26th June 2017. This is the last one of the year.
- Wednesday 19th July – end of year disco run by ESA.
- End of term Friday 21st July.
- Start of autumn term 2017: Tuesday 5th September 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

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Pentecost Art House Competition

Please attach this slip to your child's art work.

Child's name.....

Class.....

House (or colour).....