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Dear Parents,

National Poetry Day

What an amazing day! The superb poet Philip Wells (The Fire Poet) entertained us all in assembly and then went on to work with each of the Key Stage 2 classes. They produced some brilliant poetry – really inspired by Philip's energy and ideas! We will be displaying some of the work in school in due course. **Reminder: we would like to request a voluntary contribution towards Philip's fee. £1 per Key Stage 2 child would be very helpful in helping us afford what was an unusual and exciting educational opportunity.** Please send your contribution in to the school office. Thank you.



Reading Café

Following on from the poetry day we were really thrilled by the turn out of parents today for the Reading Café. We got through loads of cakes and your children were all busy in the classrooms showing you their reading and writing. The place was buzzing! ! We will be repeating this sort of event!

Next week: Harvest Festival

- We are collecting food for the Wisbech Food Bank. This is a really good local cause. They have a list of useful contributions: breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or coffee, biscuits. We would welcome whatever you can give at any time next week.
- You are invited to the Harvest Festival service in church on Friday 14th October at 10 a.m.
- We have a special Harvest lunch next Friday which will be a Roast Dinner. So Thursday's lunch will be Fish and Chips – please note this menu change.

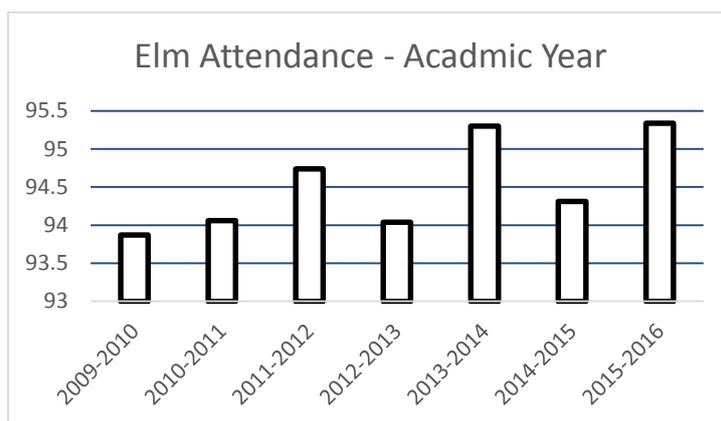
Welly Walk for Africa

The money has continued to come in and you really have been incredibly generous – so far we have raised £919.50. This is a tremendous effort. Thank you so much for your support.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Reception with 100%. Well done Mr Holt's class!! Overall attendance last week was better again at 97.9% – thank you.

Class	Attendance
Reception	100%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	98.2%



This graph shows how attendance at Elm is still well below national standards (average 96%), but is improving. Please support us by ensuring your children are in school every day unless they are clearly ill.

Achievement awards

a) *Good to be green*

Cari Myles, Tommy Fitt, Jacob Wilshire, Jaiden Page, Mason Smith, Rosie Nichols, Phoebe Axten-Mattingley, Marley Doughty, Grantas Samuilis, Tiffany Clark, Lexi Fitt, Max Layn, Jenna Lilley and Ben Petchell. Well done!

b) *Lunchtime awards*

The following children were picked out by our midday staff as behaving particularly well: Nell Hanlon, McKenzie Burton, Harry Exell and Dannielle Martin. Well done!

c) *Learning awards*

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons this week to: Sahara Rose, Rafael Melendez-Hammond, Naysa Monteiro, Anna Johnson, Oriana Costa, Amelia Porter and Harrison Chenery. Well done.

d) *Lexia*

Lana-Mai Smith was awarded a certificate for completing Level 7 on Lexia. We also gave Kala Cicek a certificate for improved reading skills. Well done!

Dates for the diary

- Harvest Festival is on Friday 14th October at 10 a.m. in All Saints Church.
- The half term holiday starts on Monday 24th October and we have a staff training day on Monday 31st October, so children come back to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher