



# Elm C of E Primary School

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

Dear Parents,

### Christian Aid Week

Next week is Christian Aid Week. Our assemblies and worship will focus on raising funds to help the people of Bangladesh who live in constant fear of flooding and in terrible poverty. I will send home more information next week. Christian Aid Week is the biggest joint Christian fundraising effort each year in this country. Please help us to fight poverty and disease. Thank you.

### Lost property

There is a great deal of lost property stored in the school's entrance at the moment. We will dispose of it on Wednesday. Please come and have a look and claim anything that may belong to your child before then. We try to return clothing that is named to your children periodically. It is very helpful if all items of clothing have name labels in.

### Year 6

First of all, I am pleased to say that Year 6 tried very hard with their SATs this week. Their concentration and effort during the tests was great.

Secondly, I have now heard from Mrs Wells that she is not able to return to school before the end of term (21<sup>st</sup> July) for medical reasons. This is very sad for the children whom I know are very fond of her. Miss Thorpe will continue with the class for the time being. I want to reassure parents that the normal Year 6 experiences will take place at the end of the year. We are going to organise a Year 6 trip, performance, assembly, etc. as well as making sure that transition to secondary school is as smooth as possible. We will let Year 6 parents know what we are planning in more detail before the end of this half term.

### School attendance

**Well done to Year 4 this week! Best attendance with 98.4%.** Overall we managed 96.1%, which is just about on target. As we are doing SATs and a period of assessment at the moment, please ensure your child is in school every day. I will not be authorising absence, except in the case of genuine illness, particularly in Years 2 and 6 at this important time.

Class	Attendance
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	95.2%

### Achievement awards

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

The following children received achievement certificates: Ellie-Mai Russell, Mason Barnes, Grace Clarke, Lexi Warden, Eamonn Smith, Macey Barnes, Callum Clarke, Tyler Barnes, Connor Smith, Lexi Fitt, Emily Narramore, Amy Barrett, Nicole Secker and Michael Nesbitt. Well done!

**b) Lunchtime awards**

The following children were picked out by our midday staff as behaving particularly well: Libby Myles, Tomas Rawlings, Joseph Ruff and Rosie Nichols. Well done!

**c) Maths awards**

We awarded certificates for progress in maths this week to: Maddie Axten-Mattingley, Lilly-Ella Warden, Anna Johnson, Jack Whitby, Kasey O’Gorman, George Exell and Bradley Carter. Well done.

**d) Writing awards**

Certificates for progress in writing go this week to: Sophia Maycroft, Will Garfoot, Joseph Ruff, Kelly-Marie Smith, Amelia Porter, Montanna Lenton and Riley Gathercole. Well done!

**e) Lexia certificates**

This week these children improved their reading skills using the Lexia programme: Montanna Lenton, Eamonn Smith, Roman Lovell and Ethan James. Well done!

**f) Pen licences**

Well done to Shelby Gathercole who has gained a pen licence this week.

**Art competition**

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> may we will be holding an exhibition of the children’s art work in the afternoon to which parents will be invited. Over the next few weeks we will be working on a variety of art themes in class and running a competition for the best art work as well.

**Dates for the diary**

- SATs tests are taking place in Year 2 over the next two weeks. Once again good attendance is essential.
- Sports day will be on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> with Reception and Key Stage 1 classes in the morning and Key Stage 2 classes in the afternoon. We have put a reserve date of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the diary just in case the weather is bad. More information to follow.
- We will hold an open afternoon on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30 p.m. More information to follow.
- Half term will be Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Term ends on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.
- We have a training day planned for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. School will be closed.
- **Next term (2016/17) we have two training days planned for the beginning of the year. Term will begin for children in Years 1 – 6 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.**

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher