



ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Newsletter - 11th April 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and that the children are refreshed and ready for the summer term! As usual, we have a jam-packed term with lots of events and activities planned. Please watch out for a separate sheet giving details of the term dates that have been confirmed so far. Two important dates to note for Nursery parents are the forthcoming elections on Thursday 5th May and Thursday 23rd June. Our Nursery is being used as a polling station on both of these days and so Nursery will be closed.

Our School Grounds Day is THIS SATURDAY!



Please come along and lend a hand. See separate sheet for more information.

Living Eggs! Today our living eggs have arrived and everyone is very excited! Over the next couple of weeks the children will be able to watch the eggs hatch into chicks and help to look after them as they grow. The chicks return to the farm on Friday 22nd by which time they will have grown immensely and be too big for a brooding box!

Golden Rules The children and staff have recently reviewed our school rules. Here they are:

- ☺ We show respect to everyone
- ☺ We are kind and take care of each other
- ☺ We are honest and make good choices
- ☺ We work hard and persevere to be the best we can be
- ☺ We take care of things in and around our School
- ☺ We always respect our rights.



Article 29: The right to become the best that you can be

Parent Fundraising Group

We'd like to start a parent group aimed at helping the school to fund raise for enrichment events and equipment for the children. Our long term aim would be for the group to become a charity registered PTA (Parent Teacher Association) but we thought we'd start off with a group and build on from there. We need a team of about 8 proactive and enthusiastic parents to help get this started.

If you are interested in joining this group and would be able to commit some time to fund raising events, please sign and return the slip at the bottom of the newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

The Marsden March

Well done to all the staff, family and friends who took part in the Marsden March. We raised over £2,000!

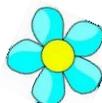


Testing Times

It's the time of year when children across Year 2 have to sit Standardised Assessment Tests in Reading, Maths and Spelling/Grammar (newly introduced this year). These tests supplement the teacher assessments that need to be completed for these subjects and Writing by the end of June. Elmwood was selected to complete the early administration of the Reading tests and so our Year 2 children will be sitting two reading papers in the next couple of weeks.

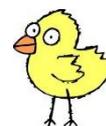
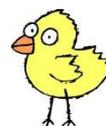
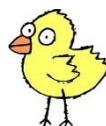
Help your child achieve the best they can by:

- ☺ Making sure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time.
- ☺ Ensuring your child has a healthy breakfast and drinks lots of water.
- ☺ Supporting your child in their learning – hear them read every day, practise mathematical facts such as number bonds, help them with spelling and encourage them to use ambitious vocabulary in their writing and speech.



AttendanceAs we enter the summer term, please be mindful of the fact that your child's attendance should be least 95% across the school year. Anything lower than this is likely to have had an impact on your child's learning and progress.

Lateness.....The school day finishes at 3.10pm but we have had an increasing number of children being collected late from school. Please ensure that your child is always collected on time at the end of the school day. If exceptional circumstances result in you being late to collect your child from school, please phone the school office in advance and/or arrange for someone else to collect your child.



STAFF NEWS.. STAFF NEWS..

Congratulations to Mrs Carley who gave birth to a baby boy a few weeks ago. She is coming to visit us this week - we are looking forward to meeting baby Aiden! Best wishes to Mrs Meadowcroft who leaves us on Friday 22nd April to have her baby. We look forward to meeting bump. A warm Welcome to Miss Mahon who joins us in May as class teacher for Zebras.



Congratulations to Mrs Campbell who has been appointed as our Assistant Headteacher (Literacy) from September. She will form part of the senior leadership team alongside Miss Walsh who is our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, Miss Payne (our Deputy Headteacher) and myself.

Further congratulations go to Miss Gilroy who takes on a new leadership role from September too.



Parking Concerns

In each of the newsletters recently, I have highlighted a parking concern to you. This time the concern is linked to cars that mount the pavement when dropping off and collecting children. Often, this is done at speed and with no regard to pedestrians, especially if parents are late arriving at school. With over 400 children being dropped off or collected at the end of the day (from the Infants alone) this is incredibly dangerous and puts children at risk. Please ensure our pupils are safe by parking with great care.

11th April 2016 - Newsletter Comments:

I am interested in being part of the Elmwood Infant School Fundraising Group (please tick)



Signed..... Parent/Carer of).....class.....