



ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Newsletter – 18th December 2018

Hello everyone,

With just a few days left before the end of the autumn term, I wanted to write to share with you some of the successes over the past few weeks and to give you a few dates for the spring term!

Attendance Update

Sam, our attendance mascot, is delighted to announce that we finish the autumn term with our attendance at 95.9%. This is record breaking for Elmwood and we would like to thank you for working with us to ensure that your child's attendance at school is the best that it can be!

On Friday, the children find out which class is the best attenders for the term. Has Turtles remained ahead of everyone or has another class caught up? It is very close at the moment and the next few days could make a difference to the overall result!

Every child with attendance over 99% will be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win one of three scooters!

Zoya, we are very proud of you!

We are incredibly proud of Zoya (Owl class) who was very courageous and had her long haircut into a beautiful new style in support of The Little Princess Trust.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults, who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer.

Staff News

We say a fond farewell to Mrs McClymont who retires at the end of the week having worked in our school office for many years. We also wish Mrs Mogul (bilingual teaching assistant) a happy retirement. Best wishes to you both.

Welcome to Mrs Azeez (lunchtime and after school club assistant), Miss Osman (teaching assistant) and Miss Barrow (office administrator).

Reception Christmas Performance

A big well done to all of our Reception children who completed two spectacular performances of 'A Little Bird Told Me' to a very large audience of grown-ups. The children sang beautifully and the narrators spoke with confidence and clarity. Thank you to all of the staff for working tirelessly to create such a fantastic performance in a short amount of curriculum time!

By the time you receive this newsletter, our Nursery children will have completed their show too! Good luck Nursery!



Safeguarding Alert – Button Batteries



Festive tea lights, singing Santas and flashing Christmas wands are all powered by lithium button batteries, many of them easily accessible to curious little fingers. This Christmas we are asking families to keep potentially dangerous products out of reach of babies, toddlers and small children, and to be equally careful about where they store spare and used batteries. Even an apparently 'flat' battery has enough power to cause serious harm if it gets stuck.

What is the problem? Most button batteries pass through the body without a problem. However, if a button battery – particularly a lithium coin battery is stuck in the throat or gullet, energy from the battery reacts with saliva to make the body create caustic soda. This is the same chemical used to unblock drains!

All batteries pose a risk to children but the size and power of button batteries and the size of the child matter. With a lithium coin cell battery and a small child, the risks are greatest



Road Safety

Thank you to everyone who parks considerately and safely outside the school at the start and end of the day. Please remember never to park on the zigzags or over the dropped kerbs on each side of the road.

Make **2019** the year that you walk to school more often so that you avoid the frustrations of parking outside the school!

Have you applied for a Reception or Junior school place?

The deadline for submitting your application for a reception or junior place is fast approaching. Please make sure you have applied for a place before 15th January 2019.

If you miss this date, your child is highly unlikely to secure a place in a school that is your preference.

Need help? Please speak to the school office as soon as possible.



Thinking ahead to the Spring Term....

- Monday 7th January – start of term
- Wed 9th Jan – Family Cooking Course begins
- Monday 7th – Stay and Play starts
- Tues 15th Jan (R) Tues 22nd (Yr1) and Tues 29th (Yr2)– Breakfast with a Book



From all of the staff and governors at Elmwood, we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

