



ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter – 4th January 2018

Article 17 - Children have the right to information and to speak out/be heard.

Happy 2018 everyone!



I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and that the New Year will be a prosperous one for you. The term ahead is a busy one for us as we prepare for our Level 2 Rights Respecting assessment and start our training for the Marsden March! There are lots of other activities and events planned for the spring term so look out for a copy of the term dates, which will be sent to you in the next few days.

A word from our Rights Respecting Team

The Rights Respecting Steering Group is made up of staff, governors, children and parents and they all work hard to ensure our rights respecting values are at the heart of what we do. Want to know what they've been up to? Here's an update from them.

Last term we collected lots of food for a local refugee centre and at Christmas we collected soup for homeless people. We tried hard to help other people in our local area. We also wrote to Steve Reed, a local MP, to see what we can do to help refugees. Thank you for sending in your donations. From Aaron in Duck class.

This half term we are having a book worm day on Friday 12th January. Children will need to dress up as a book worm and bring in books for school or £1. We will also be running a fair trade competition. Please send in any fair trade symbols. The class in each year group with the most, will win a fair trade prize at the end of this half term. From Julia in Duck class.



A Book for a Birthday!

Want to celebrate your child's birthday with their class? To promote reading for pleasure, increase the number of books in our books corners, avoid dietary and allergy issues and keep things as healthy as possible, we encourage you to buy a book for your child's class rather than prepare cakes, party bags and sweets which we are unable to give out. The children love reading their book to the class and having it available in the book corner for the rest of the year.



Christmas 2017!



Well done to all of our Reception children for their fantastic performance of 'A Wiggly Nativity'. Nursery did a brilliant job too, entertaining us with a medley of songs and making us all feel very festive. Thank you to the Elmwood Helping Hands for the fantastic fete and the shopping days which the children absolutely loved and to Santa for spending a day with us and having his photo taken with every single class!



Attendance Update

Well done to Sharmari in Dolphins who won the minion scooter for 100% attendance last term! I wonder who will win it this term?

As we enter the spring term, please be mindful of the fact that your child's attendance should be at least 95% across the school year. Anything lower than this is highly likely to have had an impact on your child's learning and progress. Attendance below 90% is considered as 'persistent absence' and a referral to the Educational Welfare Officer will be made.



STAFF NEWS..... STAFF NEWS.....

Congratulations to Cecilia Trujillo, our Learning Mentor, who has secured a new post at a local children's centre. She will be leaving us in a few weeks' time having devoted many years to Elmwood and supported lots of children and families throughout this time. We wish you all the best in your new post.

Just a reminder that Mrs Price is now non-class based until the end of this term when she will then be starting her maternity leave. Welcome back Miss Samuels, who is now the teacher for Crocodiles, providing stability for the class for the rest of the school year. Thank you to the parents of Crocodiles for your understanding throughout the autumn term.



Super Skill Challenge!

Challenge your child to remember all 10 of our super skills!

- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Cooperation
- ✓ Creative
- ✓ Perseverance
- ✓ Adventurous
- ✓ Independent
- ✓ Reflective
- ✓ Organised
- ✓ Inquisitive



Do they know what each word means and how they can show it in their learning?



Crystal Palace for Life Foundation

Our contract with CPFC came to an end in December as they weren't able to provide us with an experienced coach to deliver our PE and after school clubs for the spring term. Keep an eye out for updates about after school clubs as we make alternative arrangements for clubs on a Wednesday and Thursday.



Watch out for.....

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| * Fri 12 th Jan | Book Worm Day |
| * Mon 26 th Feb | Big Walk |
| * Thurs 1 st March | World Book Day |
| * Sun 4 th March | Marsden March |
| * Wed 14 th Mar | Parents Evening |
| * Thurs 15 th March | Parents Evening |
| * Friday 23 rd March | Sports Relief Day |
| * Sat 24 th March | School Grounds Morning |

School Grounds Day

9.30am until 12.30pm.

Come along and help us to spruce up our school grounds by weeding, tidying, painting, sweeping, pruning and cleaning. You don't need any particular skills, just a little bit of time and a willingness to lend a hand.

Pop along for all/part of the morning and get involved with an event that really makes a difference. Children tend to get bored quickly during this event so please leave them at home, if possible.

Return this slip and your child will be entered into a prize draw. No need to comment, just sign and return!

January 2018 Newsletter Comments:



Signed..... (parent/carer of.....class.....