



# ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was an incredibly busy week last week with lots of transition meetings taking place to support the children's move from one year group to another. We also had our Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday and the summer fete on Friday!

## Ofsted Update

We'd like to thank you for your support during our Ofsted Inspection which took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Whilst we were expecting it and were well prepared for the visit, it still creates a heavy amount of workload from the moment we get the call until the time it is all over! I had just drafted a letter to parents and carers to explain how the new Ofsted Schedule (from April 2018) does not allow schools that are currently judged as good to get an Outstanding judgement on this inspection but didn't get to send it to you before receiving the call! Only new schools (academy conversions and free schools) are able to achieve this judgement which is frustrating for schools that have been consistently good for many years.

We have received lots of positive feedback about our school and a formal letter sharing the outcome of the visit will be sent to you when we return from the summer holidays. Ofsted only publish the outcome of inspections during term time and as they inspected us so late on in the term, do not have time to get it finalised before we break up.

Well done to all of the staff and governors for their incredible amount of hard work throughout the inspection and, in particular, to the children for being the very best that they can be. Thank you too for all of your support, letters and kind words about our school and for taking the time to complete the Parent View questionnaire.

## Summer Fete Success



Thank you to everyone who attended our summer fete after school on Friday. It was lovey to see so many of you and to watch all of the children taking part in the various events that had been organised for them. Well done to the winners of the raffle prizes! Thank you to the Elmwood Helping Hands who have worked incredibly hard over the past few months to make this event a great success!

## Elmwood's Food & Essentials Bank

This is a final request for non-perishable food and household essentials before we organise the bags for our families in need. Would you find a food bag helpful? Please let Miss Harris, Miss Payne or your child's class teacher know and we will get one organised for you.



## School Reports

Today you will have received your child's school report. Please sign and return the comment slip, requesting an appointment to see your child's class teacher if you want to discuss anything specific about the report.



## Year 2 Graduation

We are looking forward to seeing all the Year 2 parents and carers at the Graduation ceremonies on Wednesday and Thursday of this week – 9.15am start.

Wednesday –

Thursday –



## Breakfast and After School Club

With our breakfast and after school clubs becoming increasingly popular, remember to secure your child's place by booking in advance through your parentpay account. Following feedback from parents and carers, the after school club will finish 15 minutes later from September at 5.45pm. To reflect this additional amount of time, we have had to increase the cost of each session by £1. This means that after school club is now £8.50 and continues to reflect great value for money when compared to other settings. The charge for breakfast club remains the same at £4 per session.

## Clubs and Activities from September

*Thinking ahead to the autumn term, we are delighted to confirm that we will be working in partnership with Tollo Sports Academy and once again able to offer football club to children in Year 1 and 2. Mr McCarthy, our Sports Teacher from September, will be working in our school on a Wednesday and Thursday, providing sport and active learning opportunities throughout the day and after school. Watch out for more information about this and lots of other clubs such as cookery, art, recorders and choir in the first couple of weeks back.*

**Best wishes** for the future to Miss King and Miss Addy. Congratulations to Miss Amin who gets married in the summer holidays and to Miss Malik whose baby is due during the summer break



## Summer Holiday Work

We've lots of exciting improvements taking place over the summer holidays in readiness for when the children return in September. These include a large shelter in Reception to increase outdoor learning during the wetter months, soft surface under the shelters in the main playground, replacement of the soft surface and the creation of a new area of astroturf in Nursery. We are having four new interactive boards installed, another 8 computers placed in the classrooms and new carpet laid to Zebra and Dolphin class. A busy summer for Ian, our Site Manager!

We look forward to seeing our Year 1 and Year 2 children on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

Nursery children start part-time on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** with Reception starting on

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

*Happy Summer Holidays Everyone!*