



ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL



Newsletter - 20th May 2019



This week is Walk to School Week!



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we had last week! Having won the Show Racism the Red Card competition for the 11th year, Macaw class were invited to a charity match at Stamford Bridge between ex-football players and MPs. Nathan, Mahnoor and Holly were interviewed by the ITV regional news team and then appeared on the 6pm news! You can view the report on our website but here is a link to the ITV twitter feed - <https://twitter.com/itvlondon/status/1128356060534902784?s=21>

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We then found out that our article on supporting mental health and wellbeing in the younger years had been published in the May edition of Nursery World. We've lots of photos of the children dotted throughout the magazine, including the front cover! Well done to everyone at Elmwood Infant School and Nursery for making our school such a fantastic place to be.

Walk to School Week

Keep our roads safe for the children and reduce air pollution by supporting us as we take part in Walk to School Week. Help your child collect stickers for each day that they walk.

Live too far away? Why not park a few streets away from the school and walk from there. Every little bit helps.

Happy Shoesday!

Wear a favourite/funny pair of shoes to school **tomorrow** to support Walk to School Week.

Perhaps you could wear odd shoes, your slippers, a sparkly pair or some wellington boots? The choice is yours (just make sure they are safe to play in).

Parking, Dropping off and Collecting from School.

We have had a complaint from a local resident about parents blocking the driveway to the houses on Lodge Road. Please be respectful when parking at the start and end of the school day, never blocking the entrance to a driveway or the school carpark.



Kitchen Developments We are pleased to inform you that our school kitchen is being extended and refurbished by the Local Authority, creating a much improved facility for everyone. This work is likely to start before the summer holidays and may extend into the autumn term. During this time, there will be a restricted menu as there will be no cooking facilities available on site. It is likely that we will have a packed lunch menu for the children throughout this time but I will let you know as soon as I have any further information.

There will be no parking available in the car park, which makes things quite difficult for the staff that live a distance away from the school and have to travel by car. Thank you to those parents who live on Lodge Road who have already offered us the use of their driveway for the duration of the work. If you have a parking space attached to your property that you are not using, we would appreciate hearing from you to see whether we can use it for these few weeks.

A Reminder about Uniform

- School dresses should be blue/white. No other colours are permitted.
- School shoes must be sensible ones that are black/dark blue and as plain as possible. I have seen all sorts of colours recently –keep these for after school and the weekend!

The End of the School Day

We seem to have lots of Junior children hanging around on the Infant playground at the end of the day and playing on the low ropes. Some are waiting for younger siblings to finish Nursery and others are making their way home without an adult. Please speak to your junior child and remind them to go straight home after school or to wait with you if you are collecting a child from Nursery.

Scooters and Bikes

Infant children, remember that the scooter pods are there for you to store your bike or scooter on during the school day. Don't forget to lock it securely though!

Let us Celebrate Eid!



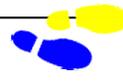
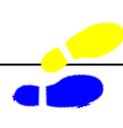
Wednesday 5th June is a party-clothes day at the Infant School as we all join in to celebrate the festival of Eid. We will have a special lunch menu, music at lunchtime and wear our favourite/special clothes to school. For this day only (unless Eid falls for you on the 4th June), children who are celebrating the festival can arrive by 10am rather than 9am without this affecting their attendance record. They can also be collected from 1.30pm too (again without impact on attendance). We are looking forward to enjoying Eid at school and helping to keep your child's attendance as good as it can possibly be.

If you have a junior child, please check the arrangements for Eid with the Junior School.

Phonics Video Clips

The children (helped by some of the staff) have made their own video clips to help everyone with phonics. The clips are a fantastic tool so do take a look at:

<http://www.elmwood-inf.croydon.sch.uk/index.php/our-school/curriculum/phonics/>



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

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