ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter – 9th November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a very busy one, starting off with an INSET day, where staff and governors worked together to finalise our school improvement plan. Once completed, we'll make sure a copy of it is available for you on the school website.

On Thursday, I had my first experience of the Pride of Elmwood award. What a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate and say thank you to the important people in their lives. Photos of the award ceremony will be on the website soon!

Best Attenders!

Well done to the following classes who were the best attenders of last term:

Crocodiles ***Seahorses*** ***Penguins***

PARKING PLEA!

Did you know that there are nearly 900 children across the Infants and the Juniors all being collected at the same time?

This causes a great deal of congestion at the start and end of the day which is often made so much worse by parents/carers who park on the zig zag lines or on the pavement opposite the school gates.

For the sake of the children, if you do drive to school at the start/end of the day, please make sure you park as safely as possible, avoiding the zig zag lines and pavement opposite the school at all costs.

Uniform Reminder

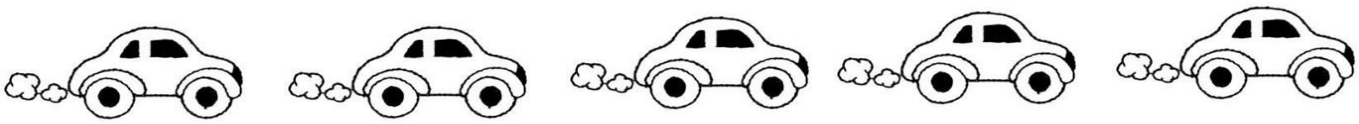
With the weather getting colder, please make sure your child has a warm coat for playtimes and lunchtimes.

Also, there are quite a few children wearing boots and shoes that do not reflect our uniform policy. Please remember that children should wear sensible shoes (preferably black).

PARENT GOVERNORS APPOINTED!

Thank you to the parents and carers who expressed an interest in becoming a governor. Great news - we've been successful in recruiting two parents to our governing body:

- Muhammad Ali – parent to a child in Zebras
- Sheri Turawa – parent to a child in Dolphins



Your Feedback

1	**My child is happy at this school**	**100%**
2	**My child feels safe at this school**	**100%**
3	**My child makes good progress at this school**	**98%**
4	**My child is well looked after at this school**	**100%**
5	**My child is taught well at this school**	**98%**
6	**My child receives appropriate homework for their age**	**99%**
7	**This school ensures the pupils are well behaved**	**100%**
8	**This school deals effectively with bullying**	**100%**
9	**This school is well led and managed**	**100%**
10	**This school responds well to any concern I raise**	**98%**
11	**I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress**	**99%**
12	**I would recommend this school to another parent**	**100%**

Thank you to everyone who returned the recent parent questionnaire to us. We had over ***100 responses*** and your views were much appreciated. We are delighted with the feedback and have taken on board your suggestions about how we can improve further.

Please take a look on our website for more details of your responses.

Transfer to the Juniors & Admission to Reception

A reminder that applications for transfer to the Juniors and admission to Reception must be completed by January 15th ***at the very latest.*** Need help with the application? We've booked in another couple of sessions to help you with the application process. Come along on:

- ✓ Thursday 19th Nov at 2.30pm
- ✓ Monday 23rd Nov at 9.00am

Stay and Play

Come along to our free Stay and Play sessions. Meet other parents whilst your child enjoys a range of activities organised by Cecilia and her team of staff.

Where? *School Hall*

When? *Every Monday from*

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

November 2015 Newsletter Comments:

Signed…… (parent/carer of……class……