



ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter - 12th October 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is whizzing by and it will be half term in a couple of weeks! We've been busy over the past few weeks and there is lots to tell you about!

Rights Respecting Reps

The children have been finding out lots more about the UNICEF Rights Respecting values and every class has elected a representative. Well done to the following children who were elected:

Dolphins:	Falak	Hugo
Seahorses:	Kalyani	Robert
Sharks:	Marley	Ria
Turtles:	Akshayani	Manuel
Ducks:	Seerisha	Nabeel
Penguins:	Ezra	Sophia
Macaws:	Mckenzie	Alinah
Owls:	Shaoib	Ashuika

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Jeans for Genes Day. We raised £333 for this important charity.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Just a reminder that school dresses should be grey, blue or blue/white checked. We had a few different colours cropping up over the summer.

School Grounds Day

Thank you to all the parents and staff who came along to our School Grounds Day last Saturday. You will have seen that most of our railings have now been painted green thanks to the hard work of everyone on the day. We've a little bit left to do so watch out for the date of the next session and come along if you can.

A Few Facts About **96%** Attendance

- ❖ Schools are considered to have **'good'** attendance if their attendance rate is above 96%. This means that every child, on average, should be achieving an attendance rate of at least this percentage.
- ❖ If your child has **8 days off** of school throughout the year, it will not be possible for him/her to achieve 96%. These days may be linked to illness, religious observance or another reason but they all contribute to your child's absence level.
- ❖ If these 8 days of absence are scattered across the year, your child is likely to have had up to 8 weeks of disrupted learning.
- ❖ Requests for holiday leave during term time are not able to be authorised unless the circumstances are exceptional (and evidenced) and your child's attendance in the previous 12 months has been at or above 96%.

Our Attendance Policy is available from the office and can be downloaded from our website.

PARENT GOVERNORS NEEDED

We have two vacancies for parent governors on our governing body and we are keen to fill these as soon as possible. A letter with more information about the role was sent to parents on Friday. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please let us know.

TRANSFER TO THE JUNIORS & ADMISSION TO RECEPTION

Just 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? Come along to one of the following workshops and we'll help you to fill in the form:

Today between 2.30pm and 4pm

Tues 20th October between 3.30pm and 5pm

Wed 21st October between 3.30pm and 5pm

Parent Consultation Evenings take place on:

- * Tues 20th October
- * Wed 21st October.

Please book a time to see your child's class teacher.

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?

School Council Reps

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected as school council representatives for the school year:

Dolphins:	Nnena	Zeenat
Seahorses:	Penny	Ashlee
Sharks:	Christopher	Vedanth
Turtles:	Boris	Lina
Ducks:	Vida	Eesa
Penguins:	Chantel	Raziel
Macaws:	Alicja	Shammah
Owls:	Kwannon-Mali	Nehemiah

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

October 2015 Newsletter Comments:

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

