



# ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow*

**Creative**

**Perseverance**

Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you had a lovely summer break and that all the children are refreshed and ready for the term ahead. In particular, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new families who have joined us in Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 and to all the Reception children and their families who are due to start school on Wednesday.

We've had a busy summer holidays with lots of improvements taking place across the school. Work has included:

- ✓ New flooring to the Reception toilets
- ✓ Carpeting and decoration to some of the corridors.
- ✓ Redecoration of Crocodile class
- ✓ Carpets, rugs and chairs given a deep clean

**Dates for your diary...** Watch out for more information about events and activities coming up in the next term.

## **Rights Respecting School**

The children at Elmwood learn about the Convention on the Rights of the Child and what it means to be a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. These rights describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from.

We are hoping to achieve the Level 2 Rights Respecting School Award this year. You can help us achieve this by asking your child to explain some of their Rights to you. Please take a look on our website for lots more information or visit the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award website.

Here are a few of the rights that child might talk about.

- ✓ **Article 28** - The right to a good quality education.
- ✓ **Article 29** – The right to be the best they can be
- ✓ **Article 24** – The right to have good food, water and health care
- ✓ **Article 31** - The right to play and rest.
- ✓ **Article 19** – The right to feel safe

**Organised**

## **Super Skills**

Batman dropped in to see us on Wednesday to talk about the super skills he uses when he's busy fighting crime! The children told him all about our Super Skills. These are ten learning behaviours which help the children to succeed in their learning, school life and future. The Super Skills are an integral part of our approach to teaching and learning and are referred to regularly throughout the school day. Look out for the super skills dotted around the newsletter!



Scan the QR code and go straight to our website where you will find lots more information.

**Adventurous**

**Reflective**

With over 400 children attending Elmwood Infant School and a further 480 attending the juniors, you can imagine how busy it gets at the start and end of the day. Lodge Road gets incredibly congested and at these times and we kindly request that you park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.



**Communication**

**Jeans for Genes Day**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Jeans for Genes Day aims to support a charity called genetic Disorders UK. It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder. Our focus this year will be on Sickle Cell Amemia which is a condition that affects how red blood cells develop.

Wear your jeans on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in return for a £1 donation towards the Jeans for Genes charity.

**Independent**

**Well Done Everyone!**

We are very proud of the children for their achievements at the end of Reception and Year 2. For the third year running we have increased the % of children achieving a Good Level of Development at the end of Reception and have further increased the % of children who achieved above age related expectations by the end of Year 2. Watch out for more details about our summer 2017 results.

**Confident**

**Breakfast Club and After School Club!**

Our first ever after school club opened on Wednesday providing child care for Infant children and their Junior siblings from 3.10pm until 5.30pm. This provision compliments our breakfast club which your child can access from 8am each day. Need to book a place? Contact the office for more information.

- ✓ Breakfast Club - £4
- ✓ After School Club - £7.50

**Attendance Reminder**

**100%? You might win a scooter!**

Good attendance from the moment your child joins our school is vital if he/she is to learn and achieve the best they can. Being late or missing days from school will, without exception, impact on a child's progress. Please ensure your child's attendance is as best as it can be and that you drop him/her to school on time. 100% attendance by the end of this term? Your child will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a scooter!

**Admission to Reception for 2018-2019** If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you **MUST** apply by Friday 15 January 2018 for a primary school place for your child. Please visit [www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions) or look on our website. Our open days take place across various mornings/afternoons throughout the autumn term and we look forward to showing you around our school. Please contact the office to book a time to visit.

**Inquisitive**

**TRANSFER TO YEAR 3** If your child is in Year 2 you will need to apply for a place at a Junior school by the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please watch out for more information or look on our website.

**Collaboration**

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

8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2017 Newsletter Comments:

Signed..... Parent/Carer of)..... Class.....