



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

ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Newsletter – 26th April 2021

Communication

Dear Parents and Carers,

Organised

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you managed to have a lovely spring break and that the easing of some restrictions have made life a little easier? The sunshine certainly helps as we can get into gardens, parks and outdoor spaces much more easily and without the need for hats, scarves and umbrellas.

Inquisitive

We've updated our Covid Action Plan to reflect a few changes and this is available, as always, on our website. I've included a few of the main changes within this newsletter. If you have any questions or worries about any of the changes, please come and speak to one of us on the playground at the start or end of the school day.

Independence

The Return of Books!

The Year 1 Curriculum & Lunchtimes

As we move to a more structured day within Year 1, we have returned to the original lunchtime slot that Year 1 had before the pandemic began. This means that at lunchtime, for a short while, Year 1 and Year 2 are mixing outside on the playground. We believe that the risk of spreading Covid is minimal as the children tend to stick to their year groups when playing outside and the fact that they are outside makes a significant difference too.

There remains no mixing of year groups inside the building, including in the hall at lunchtimes. As much as possible, children continue to sit in class groups when eating their lunch.

As you will know, children have not been bringing books home from school this academic year as we have felt it important to minimise the amount of equipment coming into school and going into your homes. However, as things start to ease, staff are very keen for reading books to start going home and believe that as long as we remain sensible with hand-washing and sanitizing, this is a safe next step to take.

In the next couple of weeks your child will need to start bringing their book bag to and from school every day. They will be given a 'learn to read' book (linked to their phonics ability) and a 'read for pleasure book' each week. These books will remain within the class bubble of equipment and not be used by other classes, unless the books have been quarantined.

If you feel uncomfortable with this step, you can choose to use Oxford Owl books instead (these are online).

Your Year Group Leader will be writing to you very soon with more information.

Nursery Closed for Local Elections

Just a reminder that our Nursery will be closed all day on Thursday 6th May for the elections and on Friday 7th May in the morning

Adventurous

An update on our recruitment for a new Head Teacher

Interviews for the post of Head Teacher at our school are currently taking place and we hope to be in a position to update you in the next couple of weeks. We had a really positive response to our advert and lots of applications!

Creative

Perseverance

Parent/Teacher Conversations

A reminder that a phone call with your child's class teacher has been organised for either Wednesday 28th April or Thursday 29th April.

The number may come up as 'unknown' so make sure that your phone settings do not automatically divert unknown callers to voicemail – as I found out my iPhone did!

Confidence

Offers for Reception and Junior School Places

Offers for Reception and Junior places have now been sent to parents.

It is important to accept or decline this offer by this Friday - 30th April at the very latest.

Please let us know if you need any assistance with this.

Collaboration

Our 10 Super-Skills!

We spend a lot of time in school talking about our super-skills. Challenge your child and see if they can remember all ten! I have dotted them about the newsletter to help you!

Reflection

In readiness for Eid...

For those of you that are fasting, we hope it is going well?

We have an Eid Party Day planned for Thursday 13th May – an opportunity to wear party clothes to school. Also, if you are celebrating Eid (on either the 12th or 13th May), you are welcome to bring your child to school a little later that morning (by 10am) and collect your child at 2pm, without it impacting on their attendance.

We hope this give you a little more time to celebrate at the start and end of the day but without your child having to miss a day of school.

Curriculum Meetings

- Year 1 - Wednesday 28th April at 9.30am – Zoom
- Year 2 – Thursday 29th April at 9.30am – Zoom
- (The Early Years meeting took place last week).

Just a reminder that Monday 3rd May is a bank holiday