

ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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



Newsletter - 24th January 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is whizzing past and I can't quite believe we are almost at the end of January! We've lots of events taking place in the next few weeks and some exciting developments to tell you about. Read on to find out more!

Star Attendance

Well done to all the children who achieved great attendance last term. There were lots of children who were entered into our prize draw, with the chance to win a scooter! Children are entered into this if they have an attendance of 99% or more. This means they have had just one session off across the term. Congratulations to the following children who won the scooters for the autumn term:



Zayan - Year 2

Roshni - Year 1

Mason - Reception



Who will win the scooters for the spring term?

Leave of Absence in Term Time

Article 3

All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children

We have had a staggering number of children being taken out of school for holidays/visits abroad. Children are often missing at least 10 days of learning, tagged onto the start or end of a school holiday, impacting significantly on a child's progress and confidence. Every child has a right to a good quality education (Article 28) and this education has been designed to take place across 39 weeks of the year. By taking your child out of school for some of this time, places them at a disadvantage and impacts on this right.

Such absences are very rarely authorised. In almost all cases, they will be referred to the Local Authority and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.



Playground Developments

You will have noticed that work has started on different areas of our playground, as we prepare for the installation of emergency vehicular gates from Lodge Road into our playground. This is something that has been on our School Travel Plan for a number of years and we are delighted that, finally, our school ground will be accessible for vehicles.

As part of this work we are having a new trim trail, a larger soft surface and the area by the pedestrian gates re-surfaced. In addition to this, we are having the roofs of the shelters cleaned and fencing erected around the mud kitchen in the Reception outdoor learning area. A gully to help the rain drain away is also being installed.

We've more plans afoot for our school grounds as we head into the summer. Watch this space for updates!

Traffic Survey



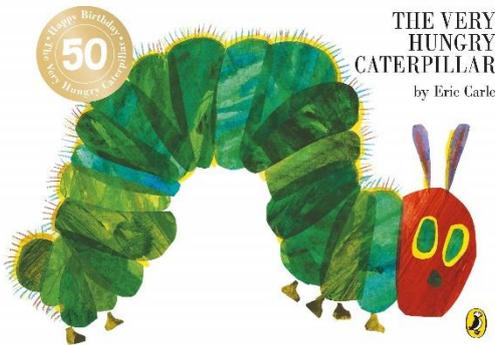
Did you see the RRS team completing a traffic survey on Wednesday morning?

They were shocked by some of the driving they saw, which included lots of fast three-point turns outside the school gates. The children will be creating leaflets to help remind parents about the importance of road safety and will be asking for your views soon.



#Readforpleasure

At Elmwood, we are promoting reading for pleasure and thought we'd recommend one of our favourite books to you.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a definite favourite for many children and adults! It tells the story of a caterpillar who eats its way through a great deal of food, finally emerging at the end of the story into a butterfly. There are lots of things to talk about, including healthy food, counting and the lifecycle of a caterpillar.

Do you have a book that you would like to recommend? Let us know by writing the title and the author on the slip below.



In need of a food and essentials bag?

Please let a member of staff know and we'll get one organised for you.

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

24th January 2020 Newsletter Comments:

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

Shoe Share

On 17th February (during half term) it is the national 'Random Acts of Kindness Day'. This is a day celebrated by individuals, ground and organisations nationwide, to encourage acts of kindness. The RRS team would like to do another ShoeShare event in recognition of this. Please bring to school any unwanted shoes (in pairs and decent condition please) from **Monday 10th Feb until Thurs 13th Feb**. These will then be taken to Clarks, who work in partnership with UNICEF to ensure these shoes get distributed to people in need.

Safer Internet Day....takes place on Tuesday 11th Feb. Use this as an opportunity to remind your child about keeping safe on the internet, whether this is using a phone, tablet or laptop/desktop.

Want to know a bit more about how to keep your child protected? Come along to a workshop on **Monday 10th Feb at 2.30pm.**

Once again, we are taking part in the NSPCC Number Day on Friday 7th February. There will be lots of learning taking place about numbers on this day and a chance for children to wear home clothes to school – as long as they are linked to a number! Sports tops with numbers are ideal, a birthday badge with a number on it or even just a sticker with your child's favourite number written on it.

