



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

ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow



Newsletter – 30th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is definitely upon us! The nights are drawing in and the temperature is getting colder. There is already snow in some parts of the country. November is also the time of the year when we are usually hit by colds and the flu. This year we have the added threat of Covid-19 which is still prevalent in our community. To avoid the virus spreading, we are asking parents to remain cautious and to take care to maintain social distancing as far as possible. For this reason, we have installed temporary barriers up outside classrooms to keep everyone safe. If your child displays any of the symptoms, please book them a PCR test. If this comes back positive, your child will need to isolate at home for the full 10 days. If your child's symptoms are mild, then he/she can access learning via EvidenceMe or SeeSaw.

Attendance

The school would like to remind parents that holidays or time abroad during term-time is not permitted unless there is an emergency. Even at these times, we ask families to avoid disrupting your child's education as much as possible. For any time to be authorised, you must provide evidence to the school for your reasons for travelling. Unauthorised absences may result in a fine being issued by the local authority.

Our current attendance rate is 94.1%. This is below the national average.

May we also remind you to bring your children to school on time. At 9:00, gates and doors close. Please try a little bit harder to help us improve our overall punctuality.



Pride of Elmwood Award Ceremony

Forget the Oscars or the Pride of Britain, at Elmwood Infants we celebrated our own heroes. On 17 November nine adults received gifts from the school for the contribution they have made to the school, their children or to the wider community. These adults were nominated by our children who took part in a competition where they had to write who their heroes were and why. Among the winners were a bus driver, a nurse, two police officers, a teacher, a teaching assistant and an older sister. A big thank you to two of our Elmwood Infant heroes, Mrs O'Dwyer and Miss Walsh.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands consisted of a team of parents who were committed to fund-raising to support our children with any enhancements or treats but also to support those who are less fortunate in our community. We are interested in re-launching Helping Hands. If you are interested in joining, perhaps you were a former member or you are new to Elmwood Infants, please contact me on wcooper14.306@lgflmail.org . At this stage, we would like to know how much interest there is, then we will set up a meeting.

Job Vacancy at Elmwood Infant School

The school is currently looking to recruit a teaching assistant to support one of our children with special educational needs. The role requires someone who is patient, resilient and reliable and most importantly enjoys working with children.

Information on how to apply for this exciting post can be found on our website. The closing date is next Thursday 9th December at midday. If you would like more information about this role, please speak with Miss Walsh, our Assistant Head Teacher for Inclusion.

Parent Governors

Thank you to the five parents who expressed an interest in being a parent governor. These parents will be contacted and asked to provide a pen portrait outlining why they should get your vote! Watch this space and look out for the voting to start.

Pupil Premium Vouchers

To all parents of children entitled to the pupil premium grant, a £30 food voucher will be issued week beginning 13th December. If you require any help in accessing this voucher, please speak with Miss Payne or email support@elmwood-inf.croydon.sch.uk.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week was celebrated during week commencing 15th November. This was a national week to raise awareness of issues around bullying in school. This year the theme was 'One Kind Word'. Each class chose one kind word for their class. Words chosen included; friend, thanks, welcome, love and hello. Ask your children what their kind word was.

Dates for December:

Monday 6th December- Christmas Stars
Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 10th December – Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 17th December – End of Term

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Back to School