



ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd September 2022

**ELMS FARM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents & Carers **Parking**

In last week's newsletter, we politely asked parents & carers to **help** our school by parking carefully when bringing/collecting children. This week, we have continued to spend time dealing with complaints from residents who cannot leave their homes because their driveways are blocked; and spent further time requesting that drivers do not park on the yellow lines outside of the school.

The yellow lines outside of the gates are there for pupil safety, please do not stop in this area for any amount of time.

The time we spend requesting that people park sensibly is time that we could spend supporting our families and pupils.

Year 1 and Reception Phonic Workshop

We have had a fantastic response to our Reception and Year 1 Phonic Workshop which took place this week and last week with Mrs Sembi.

We were really pleased to share how our we teach phonics in school and how parents can support their child with daily reading at home. **Please remember to sign your child's reading diary!**

Please visit the Little Wandle website for pronunciation videos and tips on how you can further support your child:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

It has also been lovely to see so many Junior children enjoying the new chapter books at home. Thank you for your support with this.



Assembly Homework

I have been so impressed with the number of children who have completed the assembly homework over the last two weeks. It shows enthusiasm and an interest in our wider world.

This week, we have reopened the library to Years 3 to 6. Reception and Years 1 & 2 have a brand new library which will be opening just before half term. In honour of this, our assembly homework is to draw the cover of your favourite book, or your library book. Paper is available at school- we're looking for well-presented pieces of work to display our love of reading around our school. I cannot wait to see what our pupils produce.

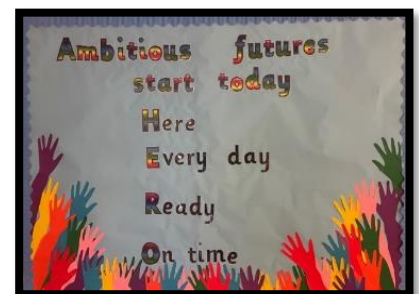


Attendance

We were off to a great start to the term in regards to whole school attendance, however this has started to fall this week. Miss Pettitt has already begun meeting with parents/carers under the Local Authority procedures to ensure good attendance at school.

We have seen an increase in the number of sweets in lunchboxes. As a healthy school, these should be limited-please see the guide below. Nuts should also not be sent into school. Thank you. **Emma Baxter, Head Teacher**

Class Attendance this week	
Donaldson	94.7%
Ahlberg	93.4%
Cadbury	97.1%
Seacole	99.1%
O'Keeffe	95.8%
Elgar	91.9%
Newton	100%
Hawking	91.4%
Lewis	96.7%
Simmonds	87.6%
Shakespeare	99.1%
Bloom	94.0%
Duleep	94.2%
Barnardo	94.4%



EFPS School Ambassadors

This week, the EFPS Ambassadors have been focusing on our value of 'Community'. They have organised a fundraising event for MacMillan Cancer Support charity which we hope that you will support with us.

EFPS School Ambassadors invite you for coffee and cake on Thursday 6th October 9.05am.



To support this charity, we are asking for cake donations from Tuesday 4th October – please can we ask for **ONLY** shop brought cakes and biscuits.

All parents and carers are invited to come into school and enjoy a hot drink and a cake for a small donation.

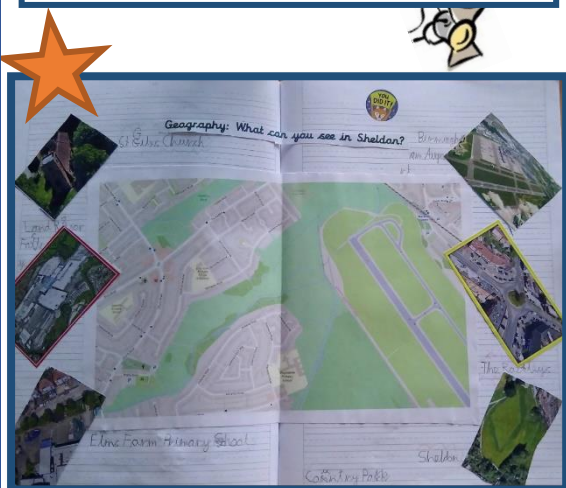
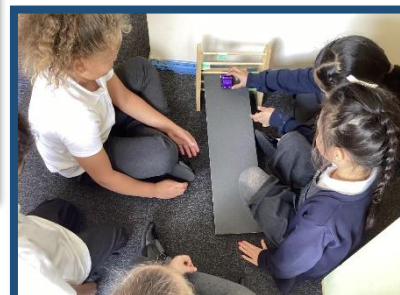
To further support this charity, we are asking children to donate 50p and they will receive a cake/ biscuit.

Spotlight Work of the Week



Superb Topic work in Year 2:
Where do we live?

Practical Science in Year 3: investigating friction.



Head Teacher Awards of the week

Well done everyone!

Nusery: Carle-Amarah
Recep: Donaldson-Aria
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Y1: Cadbury- Liaabah
Y1: Seacole- Oakley
Y2: O'Keeffe- Alishaan
Y2: Elgar - Ilyas
Y3: Newton- Dakota
Y3: Hawking- Lucas
Y4: Lewis- Connor
Y4: Simmonds- Mikey
Y5: Shakespeare- Praise
Y5: Bloom- Lilly
Y6: Duleep- Kaitlyn
Y6: Barnardo- Sarah

Term Dates for 22/23:

Autumn Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 5 September 2022

INSET Days: 5th & 6th September-children return to school Wednesday 7th September

Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023

INSET Day: Tuesday 3rd January-children return Wednesday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17 April 2023

Half Term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

Term Ends: Tuesday 25 July 2023

INSET Days: Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July-children finish school Friday 23rd July

What can I have in my lunchbox?

lunchbox?



Include

A healthy sandwich or equivalent,
a piece of fruit,
some vegetables or salad and
a pot or tube yoghurt.
Water to drink

Please Limit

1 ITEM PER PACKED LUNCH

- Crisps
- Biscuit
- Cake bar



Avoid

- Sweets
- Chocolate Bars
- Fizzy Drinks