



Ambition - Community - Equality



ELMS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ELMS FARM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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 *Ruby says... Article 29* Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. 

Dear Parents & Carers,

A very 'Happy New Year' to our community. We are looking forward to another fabulous year at Elms Farm and it has certainly started with children returning to school eager to start the new term.



Celebrating A City of Diversity

We started the term with an assembly focussing on Article 29 and our key value of Equality. Mrs Ruddock introduced a special exhibition at EFPS 'City of Empire to City Of Diversity'. We all enjoyed learning about the journey of Birmingham to how we experience it today-one of rich diversity. You can come and see the exhibition with your after school at the end of the day in the Hall.

Spring Term Learning

A reminder that you can access the 'Spring Term Learning Plan' for your child to support with conversations or learning at home, via the year group pages on the school website:

<https://www.elmsfarmprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Year+Groups&pid=10>

School Lunches & Allergy Information

Helen and her team have prepared some lovely menus for Spring Term. These can be viewed on the school website and also contain allergen information for parents and carers:

<https://www.elmsfarmprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Lunch+Menus&pid=52>

Welcome Back, Mrs Newark

Some of you may have seen Mrs Newark out and about this week. Mrs Newark has returned from maternity leave and will be working Mondays to Wednesdays. As a Senior Manager, Mrs Newark is responsible for our wider curriculum learning. She will also be teaching in Key Stage 1.

Attendance

Thank you for your support this week with the adverse weather conditions. We were so pleased to see so many children engaged with the learning task-and receiving some photos of some fun in the snow!

A reminder that Ms Pettitt continues to work with the school community on improving attendance. Our parent/carer focus group will be meeting again this term-please speak with Ms Pettitt if you would like to join!

'Attendance Buddies' are also starting this term. More details of their work to follow!

E Baxter

Headteacher



Article of the month - January

Article 2: You have the right to not be discriminated against.

Every child has the right to be treated equally and protected from discrimination, no matter their race, religion, gender, or background. At EFPS, we ensure that every child has an equal right to learn, feel safe, and be included, no matter who they are. This is reflected through our school values of Ambition, Community and Equality.

During the course of the month in assemblies, we will be learning about Martin Luther King and how he dedicated his life to fighting racial injustice and promoting equal rights for all people. His belief that everyone deserves dignity and equal opportunities directly reflects the principle at the heart of Article 2.



Key Dates	
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school
Thursday 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th January and 5 th & 12 th February	Year 5 Shakespeare Swimming
Tuesday 27 th January	Cooking/ DT Parent Workshops - Times TBC
Wednesday 28 th January	Cooking/ DT Parent Workshops - Times TBC
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th February	British Values Week
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th February	Safer Internet Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Year 5 Think Tank Trip
Friday 13 th February	Children break-up for Half Term
Monday 17 th - Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 24 th February	Lunar New Year Workshops - Times TBC
Wednesday 25 th February	Lunar New Year Workshops - Times TBC
Sunday 8 th - Wednesday 11 th March	PGL Residential
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th March	British Science Week
Thursday 12 th March	9.15am Nursery - Someone Special Afternoon Tea 2.30pm Reception - Someone Special Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 19 th March	Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 20 th	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
Tuesday 24 th March	Art Parent Workshops - Times TBC
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade Art Parent Workshops - Times TBC

Class Attendance this week		
Donaldson	92.0%	7
Ahlberg	94.1%	4
Cadbury	95.3%	3
Seacole	95.3%	3
Elgar	91.4%	5
O'Keeffe	97.0%	2
Newton	82.5%	11
Hawking	89.7%	5.5
Lewis	89.9%	7
Simmonds	92.0%	7
Bloom	100%	0
Shakespeare	97.2%	2
Duleep	96.6%	3
Barnardo	91.1%	7
Whole School	93.4%	