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## *Newsletter 14*

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had a nice Christmas break.

 <p>Letters sent home this week</p>	To
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Universal free school meals letter</li> <li>2. Maths homework</li> <li>3. Fromside Gym letter</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Whole School</li> <li>2. Year 1 to Year 6</li> <li>3. Beech and Maple Classes</li> </ol>

### **FREE school meals – Census Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

The local authority carry out a school census on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. This determines the amount of funding each school receives. As you may have seen on the news every penny counts for schools at the moment. On census day there is a count of children in the infants who take up the offer of a free meal on that day. The school then receives a sum of money based on this number as part of the funding package for the year. We would really appreciate it if as many children as possible in Reception, Years 1 and 2 have a free meal on this date.



There is a change of menu for this date so that the children can have their favourite meal of fish fingers and chips. The pizza will move to Friday instead.

### **Deadline for applications for Reception September 2017**

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start school in September 2017.

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2017**. Please note applications received late may not get their preferred school even if they have a sibling already in attendance.

Applications should be made to the local authority where the child lives; regardless of the location of the school they are requesting. For more information or for South Gloucestershire residents to apply online parents can go to [www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions) . If parents' need help with the application process please ask them to telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008.

If you would like to visit the school, please contact the school office on 01454 866750 to arrange an appointment. We look forward to meeting you and showing you our fantastic school.

Key dates:

15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

2nd May 2017

Closing date for applications.

Offers of a primary school place sent to parents/carers.

Parents/carers deadline to accept the place.

## Attendance Update

### Lateness

During the past few months, we have noticed that there has been an increase in children arriving late for school. All children are collected from the playgrounds at 8:45am and are registered at 8:55am. Any child arriving after this time is recorded as late. If your child arrives in the classroom after 8:55am, please could you ensure that they are brought in through the main office. Please provide a member of the office staff with a reason for lateness.

### Illness

Should your child be unwell, we ask that you contact the school office daily (01454 866750) to inform us of your child's progress. Please ensure that you let a member of the office staff know what the illness is, for example sickness.

### Holiday

As per the South Gloucestershire Local Authority Guidelines, Elm Park does not authorise term time holiday.

Attendance is monitored on a weekly basis. During this term, I will be sending letters home to any parents/carers where your child's attendance is less than 96 percent. If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns that you have regarding your child's school attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs Carol Bond**  
**Deputy Head**

### School uniform reminder

A polite reminder that the new hoodies should only be worn for PE lessons. Green school jumpers and cardigans should be worn at all other times.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing during these colder months including a coat and warm clothing to change into for outdoor PE lessons.



We are very fortunate to have secured a visit from the Dogs Trust charity. They will be coming in on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January to lead an assembly to share information about the charity. After the assembly, Year 3 and 4 will be having 50 minute workshops based on safety and responsible dog ownership. We might also have a visit from a four legged friend!

Should you require any further information, please speak with Mrs Bond.



### Maths Homework

Maths homework will be sent home today for Years 1 to 6. The next homework will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017.



### Breakfast Club

Please note, from **1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**, the Breakfast Club will have a price increase. It will be **£3.00** from 7.45am and **£2.50** from 8.00am.



## Writers of the Week

The 'Writers of the Week' initiative rewards excellent writing in each class. Each week teachers choose one piece of writing which has impressed during the week. These are displayed in the hall of the whole school writing board to showcase the high quality of writing at Elm Park and also enable children to feel proud of their achievement. This week's Writers of the Week are: **Tallaluah Sage, Theo Perry, Archie Burgess, Blake Devlin, Erin Douglas, Ashleigh Pollard, Frannie Wood, Phoebe Shipp, Sam Mamour, Jedd Stevenson and Harvey Dehaney - Well done!** 😊



## Stars of the Week!

Each week the teacher(s) in each class nominate a child who has made a significant achievement during the week, or who impressed the teacher as a result of their positive attitude to learning. In our assembly on Friday, the children receive a special 'Elm Park Star' Certificate and a Head Teacher's Award.

Catkins – **Cody Britton** for fantastic drawing and description of his Christmas holidays! 😊  
 Acorns - **Fabien De Freitas** for fantastic behaviour and being an excellent friend all week! 😊  
 Pine – **Luke Cavanagh** for trying his hardest in all areas! 😊  
 Beech – **Thomas Litwinowicz** for amazing progress in reading and writing! 😊  
 Maple – **Alfie Nicholls** for his enthusiasm in his learning (especially telling the time)! 😊  
 Willow- **Theo Chambers** for always putting his hand up and giving great answers! 😊  
 Chestnut – **Jack Jefferey** for making an excellent start to the term! 😊  
 Oak – **Sam Gifford** for fantastic effort in all of his learning! 😊  
 Hazel – **Ethan Eames** for a fantastic effort to his learning all week! Keep it up! 😊  
 Cedar- **Jessie Porter** for having a brilliant attitude to your learning and always being positive! 😊  
 Elm – **Harvey Rendle** for having a really positive attitude to learning! 😊

## This Week's Lunch break Stars (awarded by Lunch Break Supervisors)

KS1 **Amy Britton** for always eating her dinner 😊  
**Liam Shambrook** for good playground behaviour 😊

KS2 **Crystal Johnstone** – For always smiling and being happy 😊  
**Jasper Barrett** – For always playing nicely with others 😊

This week's house winner is: **AMAZON (Yellow) Well done!** 😊



## PTFA News & Event

Find us on Facebook for easy updates: <https://www.facebook.com/ElmParkPTAWinterbourne2015/>

## Dates 2016 / 17

DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
Term 2				
15/01/17	Sunday			Deadline for applications for Primary School places for Sept 2017
24/01/17	Tuesday		pm	Y5/6 to WIA for performance of 'Our House'
07/02/17	Tuesday	2:30pm	3:30pm	PiP meeting – SEN/d with Mrs Bond
10/02/17	Friday			End of term 3
10/02/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cup assembly

Term 4				
20/02/17	Monday	All day		INSET DAY 4
21/02/17	Tuesday			Term 4 begins
01/03/17	Wednesday			Y6 parents notified about secondary places for September 2017
07/03/17	Tuesday	4:00pm	7:00pm	Parents' evening
09/03/17	Thursday	4:00pm	6:00pm	Parents' evening
31/03/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cup assembly
07/04/17	Friday			End of term 4
18/04/17	Tuesday			Parents notified about primary school places for September 2017
Term 5				
24/04/17	Monday			Term 5 begins
01/05/17	Monday			Bank holiday – school closed
08/05/16	Mon-Thurs	am		Y6 SATs week
19/05/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cups' assembly
23/05/17	Tuesday	2:30pm	3:30pm	PiP meeting
24/05/17	Wednesday	1:00pm	3:30pm	Sports afternoon
25/05/17	Thursday			End of term 5
26/05/17	Friday	All day		INSET DAY 5
Term 6				
05/06/17	Monday			Term 6 begins
07/07/17	Friday			Reports come home
11/07/17	Tuesday	2:45pm	3:20pm	PiP planning meeting for 2017-18
14/07/17	Friday	2:45pm	3:20pm	Cups' assembly
18/07/17	Tuesday	2:00pm	3:00pm	Y6 Performance to parents
18/07/17	Tuesday	6:00pm	7:00pm	Y6 Performance to parents
21/07/17	Friday	9:00am	9:30am	Y6 Leavers' assembly
21/07/17	Friday			End of Term 6