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Newsletter 8

Friday 15th December 2017

 <p>Letters this week on website www.elmparkprimary.com</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New appointment letter 2. Club letters 3. School Admission Numbers – Consultation document 4. Consultation letter to parents 	<p>For</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Willow Class 2. Y1-Y6 3. Whole school 4. Whole school
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Dear parents and carers

As the sounds of Christmas parties for the children ring out around Elm Park we are all preparing for a well-deserved Christmas break. Our children have been brilliant over this festive time at school and this week's Christmas celebrations at Salem Church were an absolute privilege to be part of. We even had a Johnny Mathis classic as one of the carols we all sang!

Today I had the pleasure to help serve the children their lunch as part of our elite kitchen team - under Deb's close supervision of course. I'm not entirely sure I'll be asked back (gave out too many chips I'm told!) but it was lovely to hear please, thank you and wishes for a Merry Christmas (unprompted) from our polite and courteous young people. Thank you boys and girls, you give us so much to be proud of at Elm Park. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

New Year, new outlook ... from January our newsletters will have a slightly different look and, more importantly, some important changes to their content.

Newsletters in Term 3 will communicate more detail concerning the children's education at Elm Park, for example:

- A more in-depth look at a priority area to improve pupil learning.. this will not only highlight areas where Elm Park perhaps hasn't been achieving to its fullest potential over recent previous years but will also communicate what actions are now in place to change things and what impact we're looking for as we work to deliver improvements to learning at Elm Park.
- Further opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning.. eg an opportunity each term for you to drop into the class and look at your child's books or an invitation to attend a workshop on a particular area of focus at the school eg Reasoning and Problem-Solving in Maths.
- Classroom close-ups with a focus on the learning within a different class across the school.

Together with my senior team and the dedicated Governors at Elm Park, I'll be better ensuring that parents are more aware of the focus of our key priorities at the school and updating parents along the way as we strive to secure an even better educational experience for the children.

In other news – a letter from myself and Mrs Sandra Allen (Chair of Governors) will be placed on the school website's Letters section later today. This letter is written to explain an admissions' consultation letter which is also being sent and posted. Please note the January 5th 1.45pm invitation within the letter from Chair and myself.

Wishing all families a wonderful Christmas and looking forward to seeing our children back safe and sound on January 2nd 2018.

Happy Christmas
 Andrew Evans