

Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 1: 7th September 2018

Head's Notes

A very warm welcome to the start of the 2018/19 academic year. We trust it will be a very busy and productive year for all at Elm Park.

Many thanks to all parents and children for helping us to make such a fabulous, positive and calm start back after the summer break. Our refreshed staffing team have prepared superbly well (thank you all!) to hit the ground running this week and all the children have responded eagerly to our consistent and clear whole-school expectations. It's only a start, but you still can't beat a good one!

Wow!

Today's circus show and associated workshops have certainly delivered the desired 'Wow' to help kick-start some of our Topic themes for the term. What a great way to create interest, enthusiasm and learning momentum from Week 1. A brilliant day, photos to follow next week!

Communication

If you are a new family joining us, our 'In Touch' newsletters are posted on the website at least fortnightly but often weekly throughout the year.

Our website also shows our school calendar / term dates etc. These features are being updated and will be fully in place next week. In the meantime, please see the Key Dates section below for forthcoming events.

In response to parent communication feedback, our text messaging will often alert you to a short-notice change to the diary, remind you of an upcoming event or direct you letters, emails etc being sent home.

As all schools are rightly being encouraged to 'go paperless', please do ensure that we have the correct email and mobile phone information for you so that you don't miss out on receiving a school message.

In order to ensure that our communication continues to improve, we'll be surveying parents later this term to ensure that we are using the best media possible to keep families in the picture with all that is happening at Elm Park.

Other Key Info

EP School Gate Running

Sessions will re-commence on Wednesday 12 September at 9am from the KS2 school kitchen gate on Park Avenue when we have hopefully all settled back into our 'school routine' 😊

We are a welcoming, mixed ability, RunTogether group who run or run/walk for around 45 mins each Wednesday morning (term time only) around the local roads, trails and sometimes have a session on the school field. Any member of our school community is welcome to join us, no one gets left behind, you do not need to commit to any number of weeks, just turn up as and when you can, its FREE!!

We have a FB group called 'Elm Park School Gate Running' and are part of RunTogether (England Athletics). We would love to see some new (and returning) faces - Any questions speak to Mrs Walsh :)

Coming Soon ... Key Dates

10/09/18 Music Lessons and Clubs begin
12/09/18 PGL Camp meeting (Y6) 3.30pm ICT Suite
14/09/19 Y6 Bikeability starts (every Friday 10 children)
19/09/18 PTFA AGM – School Hall 7.00pm
01/10/18 Tulip Photography individual and sibling photos
02/10/18 Open Classrooms (8.30am)
04/10/18 Open Classrooms (3.30pm)
05/10/18 Y6 Camp (PGL)
08/10/18 Y6 Camp (PGL)
12/10/18 Quiz Night (PTFA)
17/10/18 – 19/10/18 Y5 Camp (Dean Field Studies Centre)
25/10/18 Cups Assembly
26/10/18 End of Term Disco (PTFA)
26/10/18 End of Term 1
05/11/18 Term 2 begins
07/11/18 KS1 trip to Cardiff Castle
08/11/18 – 15/11/16 Book Fair
13/11/18 Parents Evening
15/11/18 Parents Evening

07/01/19 Inset Day
25/02/19 Inset Day
24/05/19 Inset Day

Letters sent home this week:

- Clubs letter
- EYFS letter
- PGL Camp meeting letter