

Elm Park "In Touch"



Newsletter 12: 25th January 2019

Coming Soon ... Key Dates

30/01/19 SATs Meeting 3.00pm
06/02/19 Y6 and Y3 Road Safety Workshops
06/02/19 EP School Gate Runners #RunAndTalk 9am
08/02/19 PTFA Spring Disco
12/02/19 T3 OPEN CLASSROOMS 8.30-8.45am
14/02/19 T3 OPEN CLASSROOMS 3.30-3.50pm
15/02/19 End of Term 3
25/02/19 Term 4 begins (children return on 26th Feb)
25/02/19 Inset Day
05/03/19 Y6 to Lifeskills Centre
08/03/19 Parent E-Safety Workshop (9.00am to 10.00am)
18/03/19 Book Fair arrives
19/03/19 Parents Evening
21/03/19 Parents Evening
22/03/19 PTFA Mothers Day Sale
01/04/19 EYFS Hearing and Vision Screening
05/04/19 End of Term 4
23/04/19 Term 5 begins
29/04/19 Class Photos
24/05/19 Last day of term for children
25/05/19 End of Term 5 (Inset Day)
03/06/19 Term 6 begins
23/07/19 End of Term 6
(new dates in bold)
25/02/19 Inset Day
24/05/19 Inset Day

Letters home this week:

Disco letter (PTFA)

Week 3 PTFA News

Tesco Uniforms

As Tesco have closed the 'Direct' part of their business, they are winding down the other extended services they offered. Tesco uniforms is one of these that will be closing on the 12th February.

What this means?

Tesco uniforms have transferred the business onto 'My Clothing' with exactly the same contract and products that existed previously, therefore the only difference to parents is the link you need to use to access the new website:

www.myclothing.com/ueslink/18346.school

- The PTFA still receive 5% cash donations on the uniform products you purchase.
- No minimum orders.
- Home delivery within 14 days.

The school website will be updated asap with the new link which will take you direct to our school uniform page on 'My Clothing'.

My Child's Art

We're pleased to announce that The Christmas artwork project your children took part in with My Child's Art raised a commission of £136.67 through products bought.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was very successful and raised an amazing **£3310.27!** This wouldn't have been possible without the match funding of **£1181** we received from Lloyds Bank and Vodafone....

How did we get that money from two big companies I hear you ask??

Simple

Two parents who volunteered to help out on the evening are employed by these companies.

Lots of employers offer 'Match funding' to a charity if you volunteer a small amount of your time, this can have a huge impact on the fundraising activities of your children's school PTFA.

Does your employer offer 'Match Funding'?

If they do please come and volunteer at one of our events, you may only have to give an hour of your time for us to receive a donation from your employer, and every pound helps!!

Ofsted Parent View

Parents are encouraged to feedback on your school using the Ofsted web-link ...

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Week 3 news bites..

PE Kit

There has been a significant increase in the number of children who do not have a PE kit in school each week. Please could we remind parents that all children are required to have a complete PE kit in school for their sports activities. This should include: a T-shirt (house colour), a pair of shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings and a pairs of trainer/daps. Children with long hair must have a hairband and earrings must be removed or covered with tape (brought in from home). **PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and it is important that the children have the correct kit for this. Many thanks for your support.**

School Uniform

As with PE Kits above, please ensure that your son / daughter wears the correct school uniform at all times. Please contact the school office if you need further clarification or guidance.

Sports News

The Boys' Football Team hosted Holy Trinity School on Tuesday after school and what a brilliant game it turned out to be. In an end-to-end encounter, our team led, fell behind, levelled, snuck ahead, then fell behind again before eventually scoring for the 5th time to earn the 5-5 draw. Well done to both teams for entertaining us all so superbly and playing the game in such a sportsmanlike manner. And well done Elm Park for showing such team spirit and resilience to never give up. Wow! Thanks to Chris for all his hard work training our footballers.

The Girls' Football Team kick off their Spring season league fixtures with a match on Monday at home vs St Helen's School. Good luck everyone!

The KS2 Schools' Swimming Gala is in early March. Info on early February trials for the school Y3/4 & Y5/6 teams will be out next week. Thanks to Mrs Lugg & Mrs Byrne for leading on this.

School Gate Runners

EP School Gate Running Group are holding another [#RunAndTalk](#) session on Wednesday 6th February, this is part of the England Athletics campaign, supported by Mind the mental health charity, to encourage people to 'run and talk' to improve their mental wellbeing through running and to break down the stigma associated with mental health by getting people talking about it.

The session is 9am on Wednesday 6th February and all parents are welcome ... it will be a steady 3ish mile run with walking due to crossing stiles, steps and a very steep downhill stretch!

The group will be joined by **Ben Smith** who undertook a huge challenge of running 401 marathons in 401 days around the UK and raised over £330.00 for two anti-bullying charities with local running clubs. The project not only aimed to inspire people but to also raise the awareness of the harmful effects bullying can have on your confidence and self-esteem. Ben was awarded numerous awards, including **Sports Personality of the Year Helen Rollason Award 2016** and continues this work with The 401 Foundation ... <https://www.the401.foundation/about-us/>

Please see Mrs Walsh for any further info on this event. Well done and thanks to all EP School Gate Runners!