



**WE ARE HAVING A  
NEW SCHOOL BUILT  
READY TO MOVE  
IN DURING 2021-22.**



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*'Elm Park is a happy and friendly school.'*  
*'Pupils love learning because teachers make it fun.'*

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## School Newsletter 2

25.9.2020

Dear Families,

### Inspiring Learners, Enriching Lives, Achieving Together

#### Census Day – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Last year, KS1 and Reception children were able to raise an amazing £23,968 for the school budget just by having a school dinner on Census Day! We hope we can get to this target and beyond this year. Please help us by allowing your KS1 and/or Reception child have a hot school meal on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October – we are having Pizza! (or egg mayo wrap). You can pre-book this by going onto Sims Pay and making your choice. Of course, we welcome KS2 children to have this meal too! Thank you so much for your support.

#### Breakfast Club

We have listened to suggestions from parents to have an option in Sims Pay to pay for our Breakfast Club. The club runs every day and we have two sittings. The earlier sitting starts at 7.45am and costs £3.00. The later sitting is from 8.00am and costs £2.50. As part of supporting children to 'choose and pay' for their breakfast, children will be asked to bring in cash to purchase their breakfast food.

#### Elm Park at its best

Hot Chocolate Fridays are back! Although many things have changed during the course of the school day since we returned from lockdown, a familiar Friday tradition has continued. Hot Chocolate Fridays 2020 have a new feel. Like all things, we are now socially distancing for a hot choc and chats, but one thing truly has remained the same – the incredible behaviour of the children who join me! Many thanks to all of the children who have joined me so far this term.

A visitor... Today, we had a visitor to Elm Park. The local MP, Mr Jack Lopresti and his assistant Simon came to join myself and the children for hot chocolate. He was interested to hear from the children all about their incredible learning, what they most enjoyed about lockdown and what they are most excited about in the new build. He also took a socially distanced tour around the school and looked at the enabling works for the new building. He has promised that he will give Elm Park a mention at his next appearance at the House of Commons!

We are very excited that on Tuesday next week (29th September) we have sports sessions being run for all classes throughout the day by The Sports Project. These sessions will focus on developing resilience, independence and self-esteem as well as having fun and exercising. Please could children in ALL classes wear their PE kit on Tuesday?

## Introducing our incredible new House Captains...

Congratulations and a huge well done to our new house captain for this year.

Green - Ruby and Alfie

Yellow - Lyla and Harley

Blue - Cassie and George

Red - Ava and Mikey

House point scores so far
Green - 301
Yellow - 360
Blue - 380
Red - 478

## Building update:

The enabling works are really taking shape. The new Key Stage 2 playground should be completed within two weeks and a surprise addition of play equipment has also been added to the school field. Please do have a little look on the field, if you get the chance. Once the new playground is open and ready for use, the main building construction will commence. I am hoping to be able to provide updated pictures of the building design in the next newsletter.

**Finally...** A personal note from me. As you all know, it is very seldom that I am truly lost for words. However, on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, I was interviewed by our Governing Body and was asked to become the substantive head teacher at Elm Park. My reply was very short and very quick, 'Yes!'. I simply had no other words I could say! It truly is one of the biggest privileges of my life

I truly love this school, the children, families and staff in it and feel both blessed and humbled to have become the head teacher. I am really looking forward to continuing our journey developing our inspiring curriculum; finding new and exciting ways to enrich our lives and continue to raise standards within the school so that we can all achieve together.

With grateful thanks to the Governing Body, my incredible staff team and all of our families for their support.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Mrs Carol Bond

A very happy and excited substantive Headteacher ☺