



**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 12

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### Inspiring Learners, Enriching Lives, Achieving Together

Dear Families,

Welcome back:

Firstly, welcome back. It truly has been incredible to see the excitement of the children as they bounced into school on Monday. Smiles were hidden under face masks but eyes were certainly smiling on parents' faces as they brought their children in for the first day back to school in 2021! We have been delighted to welcome 99% of our children back this week. This isn't a figure plucked out of no-where, this is a true figure to represent the attendance rate for week 1.

Catch up funding:

As a school, we have been fortunate to secure small group tuition starting in term 5. This has been possible due to the government Catch Up funding to provide small group tuition to children. We have also been able to use this funding to support children through additional hours working with a teachers and/or teaching assistants. Teachers are currently working with children to assess who would benefit most from the additional booster sessions. Class teachers will be in touch with families at the end of term 4 with further information.

Plans for the future:

I wanted to give you a little update about future plans. During the course of the next few weeks, building equipment will start to move onto the school site in anticipation of our new school starting to be built in April. Next week, I am meeting with local artists to discuss plans for an art installation within the new build. The building firm Willmott Dixon are also planning a project so that they can work with all children to help them to develop further understanding of sustainability and the positive impact our build will have on the environment over time. Further information will be shared with children and families over the course of the next few weeks and months including children being able to make visits to the site to watch it changing over time.

Red Nose Day Friday 19 March:

To celebrate Red Nose Day next Friday, we are inviting the children to wear activewear non-uniform with a red theme. Please bring in a donation of £1.

To join in with this year's The One Show Challenge, we have also organised a 'Red Nose and Spoon' event on the school field on Friday afternoon. The children, in their bubbles, will complete laps of the field carrying their nose and spoon. Please bring in a red nose (can be this year's, one from a previous year or even a red ball) and a spoon (e.g. a tablespoon, a ladle or a serving spoon). We are looking forward to raising lots of money, being active and having fun!

House points:

It has been wonderful to share hot chocolate with some of our incredible children today. I heard about some of the creative ways they have been embracing lockdown whilst also hearing about their excitement about returning to school. I really enjoyed leading assembly for year 5 and 6 this week, where we discussed all of the rewards we have in school. These include:

House points

Certificates

Hot choc Fridays

Postcards home

My absolute favourite answer was a smile and well done from a teacher!

Speaking of house points, a big well done to Blue Team. They achieved the highest house points total for terms 1-3. It was lovely to see you all enjoying wearing non-school uniform as a celebration today. Congratulations.

A small reminder before I finish. Please do not come into the school office if at all possible. Currently, the school is still in lockdown and we are truly trying to minimise the risk of spreading infection by limiting the number of people coming onto school site. If you have a question or query, please write an email or telephone the office. This will help to keep us all safe and well.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend, especially all our lovely mums on Mothering Sunday.

Mrs Carol Bond  
Head Teacher