



Dates for your diary

- 18.9.2023 – Year 6 top up swimming
- 21.9.2023 – PTFA AGM 6pm
- 22.9.2023 – Year 5 Deanfield Camp
- 25.9.2023 – Year 5 top up swimming
- 29.9.2023 – PTFA Cake Sale after school
- 3.10.2023 – Year 5 and 6 at Bath Literature Festival
- 5.10.2023 – PTFA meeting 6pm
- 9.10.2023 – Individual photographs
- 10.10.2023 – Reception Intake 2024-25 open morning
- 11.10.2023 – Harvest Assembly – all welcome
- 13.10.2023 – Year 6 at PGL
- 20.10.2023 – End of Term 1

Important notice

Please can we stick to a one way system at drop off and collection times. Enter the playground via the Nicholls Lane Gate and exit via the carpark gate. Many thanks



Thank you to all families for following the uniform policy.

Thank you to all of those who have read with their children and recorded it in their reading diary a minimum of 3 times per week.

Thank you for supporting your children with completing their homework.

Thank you to my amazing team of staff for all of the work they have done to make the start of term so successful.

Welcome back from Mrs Bond...

Inspiring:

It is always an absolute delight to open our school gates at the start of September to welcome all of our children and families back to Elm Park. This year has seen our reception numbers continue to flourish and it has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled in. They have embraced school life with such confidence and it has been wonderful to welcome them to assemblies.

Throughout the school, we have already welcomed 13 new children within year 1-6 and we look forward to welcoming more as the year progresses.

Enriching:

Today sees the first Enrichment afternoon of the term. The children are in for a real treat with Forest Schools, Life Skills and many more extra-curricular activities.

Our year 6 children are looking forward to their residential camp at the end of term one, when they travel to PGL Liddington to enjoy team building activities. Our Year 5 children are excited about heading to Deanfield Activity Centre and their overnight stay at school next Friday!

Achieving:

It has also been a pleasure to introduce the welcome meetings for all families. These were really well attended during the school day. The after school sessions had fewer families but we were very mindful of the short notice. A huge thank you to all who attended. I promise I will give more notice next year!

If you were unable to attend, please read the attached PowerPoint as it shares all the information you will need.

Additionally, I would like to remind all families of our reading expectations. We have listened to families about the number of times it is possible to listen to your children read and have decided to reduce our expectations. From this year, we ask that all families actively read with their children a minimum of 3 times per week and record this in your child's reading diary.

From now on, our newsletters will have a celebration feature, which shows the percentage from each class that are reading 3 times per week. The class with the highest percentage each fortnight will gain a class point. Our children strive to earn these as it means they get an extra 15 minutes playtime.

And finally...



Our incredibly PTFA are hot on the fundraising trail. They are raising funds to build an outdoor classroom for our children. The building will look similar to this but will have windows and doors to shelter from the wonderful British weather. Miss Bell is currently training to become a Forest School Leader. The classroom will become a real asset to our wider curriculum.