



Dates for your diary

30.9.2024 – INSET Day

1.10.2024 – Start of Black History Month

4.10.2024 – Curry and Quiz night

7.10.2024 – Harvest Assembly – 9:15 start all welcome

8.10.2024 – New Reception 2025 open morning

10.10.2024 – World Mental Health Day – wear yellow

11.10.2024 – Y6 to PGL

18.10.2024 – Halloween Disco

25.10.2024 – Last day of term

PTFA Meeting 2pm, Tuck Shop at 3:30pm

Important notice

Please ensure you are ready to collect your child at 3:30.

Only park in the school car park if you have a blue badge. Thank you.

Inspiring Learners:

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 Lives

Today sees our year 5 children head out to Dean Field Outdoor Adventure. I joined the children at the start of their day as they were enjoying getting harnessed up to go on the zip wires. Mrs Lugg, Mrs Keeping and I are looking forward to their return later this evening, when the school will be filled with tired but excited year 5s settling down for an overnight stay at school.

As I am writing this newsletter, I can hear the sounds of laughter echoing from the hall with the children enjoying their enrichment afternoons. As the terms progress, we are looking forward to enriching our children's learning further with Forest Schools, Life Skills and many more extra-curricular activities.

Our year 6 children are looking forward to their residential camp near the end of term one, when they travel to PGL Liddington to enjoy team building activities.

Achieving Together

It has also been a pleasure to begin the year with welcome meetings for all families. A huge thank you to all who attended. We hope you found them useful.

If you were unable to attend, please read the PowerPoint that will be sent, which shares all the information you will need.

Additionally, I would like to remind all families of our reading expectations. 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.

Elm Park Primary School Values



Honesty Collaboration
Respect Determination
Kindness



Our focus value this term is Honesty

2 events are coming up very quickly! On Friday 4th October, our newly formed PTFA will be hosting their first Elm Park Curry and Quiz! We already have 6 teams entered. If you would like to add your team to the list, please sign up today using the forms link.

On Thursday 10th October, we will be highlighting the importance of mental health. As a school, we are supporting World Mental Health Day in conjunction with M&S to raise money for Mind UK. We would like to ask that all children wear yellow and donate £1 via School Money to support this brilliant charity.

And finally...

Congratulations to our Year 6 House Captains:

Red – Esther and Brodie

Yellow – Keira and Darren

Green – Daisy and Casper

Blue – Matilda and Salahuddin



Elm Park Cup



Points so far...

1st – Red - 356

2nd – Blue - 351

3rd – Yellow - 329

4th – Green - 324



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.