



Dates for your diary

- 18.10.2024 – Halloween Disco
- 25.10.2024 – Last day of term
- PTFA Meeting 2pm, Tuck Shop at 3:30pm
- 4.11.2024 – Term 2 starts
- 5.11.2024 – Firework Lunch
- 11.11.2024 – Remembrance Assembly lead by year 4 and 5.
- 13.11.2024 – 2025-26 New Reception Open Morning
- 13.11.2024 – Books go home for parents evening
- 19.11.2024 – Reception Families Stay for lunch
- 19.11 and 20.11 – Parents evening

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.

A note from Mrs Bond...

What an incredible few weeks we have had at Elm Park. I have been simply overwhelmed by how much has been packed into term 1 already!

Inspiring Learners:

Our Reception children are nearly at the end of their first term at Elm Park. How quickly that time has flown! They have settled into the daily routine and are all at school full time! It has been wonderful to see them joining together to celebrate Harvest; taking part in celebration assemblies and enjoying their first school disco this evening!

As a school, our children have been learning about Black History Month. It has been amazing for us all to learn about inspirational people of colour. These are the people we have been learning about:

Paul Stephenson, Carmen Beckford, Stephen Stacey and Princess Campbell. Please ask your children about them. They have such incredible stories to tell. A huge thank you to Miss Bell (our incredible History Leader) for organising our learning for this month.

Enriching Lives

As a school, we have also been overwhelmed by the number of children, who dressed in yellow, to highlight the importance of World Mental Health Day. As a school, through your kind donations, we raised over £100 to support MIND. Thank you all so much!

This week saw our Year 6 children enjoying their school camp to PGL. I was amazed at how incredible their behaviour was. The children showed resilience, determination and courage as they ventured up the climbing wall, flew down the zip wire and tackled the raft building challenge to name but a few. As one of the staff, who was fortunate to go, I can honestly say that it was a true pleasure to take our children and I wanted to say thank you to each and every one of them for representing the school with pride. I also wanted to extend my sincere thanks to Miss Turner, Mrs Harris and Mrs Lugg for all of their work in preparing for the camp. Mrs Kidger, Mr Pavey and Mrs McIntyre for giving up the whole of their weekend to enable the children to have such a wonderful experience and Mrs Keeping for tag teaming with me.

Achieving Together

Finally, I wanted to say a huge thank you to our outstanding PTFA! They have started with a BANG with activities. As I am typing this, our school hall is full of witches, wizards, ghosts and princesses as the children enjoy their Halloween Disco. Two weeks ago, our parents had the most wonderful evening hosted by our new Elm Park Quiz Masters – Neil and Dan, with Debbie and Sharon cooking a curry to remember! This event alone raised over £900, which is going to go towards vital funds to support our children's learning.

Finally, we are going to say a see you soon to Miss Griffiths on Friday 25th October as she starts her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best. Miss G, we cannot wait to meet our Elm Park baby!!! As we say see you soon, we say welcome to Miss K, who will be covering Hazel class in Miss Griffiths absence.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend from all at Team Elm Park.

Elm Park Primary School Values



Honesty

Collaboration

Respect

Determination

Kindness



Our focus value this term is Honesty



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.