

Elm Park Newsletter

Friday 25th September

Inspiring learners, enriching lives, achieving together



Message from Mrs Lugg

I can't quite believe that we are near the end of September already. This term is flying by and it has been lovely to see the fantastic learning and other opportunities that the children have been enjoying so far. We have continued to focus on the theme of 'Belonging' in assemblies this term. We have learned that we are all unique and we don't have to change who we are to belong.

Last Friday, our Year 5 children enjoyed a fantastic day at the Deanfield Centre. They took part in a whole host of activities including axe throwing, a river walk, the zip line and exploring the tunnels, as well as many other challenges and adventures. After a fun-filled day, the excitement continued back at school with a sleepover! The children enjoyed a delicious dinner, followed by a quiz and lots of games before settling down for the night. It was a memorable experience packed with fun, teamwork and plenty of laughter! Thank you very much to Mrs Brown and Miss Gurnett for accompanying the children in the day and to Miss Smith, Mrs Swann and Mrs Johnstone who joined me on the sleepover team.

We recently had a fantastic first PTFA meeting of the new school year, with a great turnout and lots of enthusiasm for the year ahead. New members were elected to the key committee roles and we had a great discussion about activities and events for the school community. There is already plenty to look forward to and we are excited about the events being planned for this year. Please also see the 'Hello from the PTFA' message, which is being sent out today, for more information.

I also want to give a little reminder about our breakfast club, which is a great way for children to start the school day. It runs every morning from 7:45am, with a variety of breakfast options and activities for children to enjoy before the school day begins. You can use childcare vouchers to pay for the club if you would like. To book a place, simply sign up through the ParentPay app. We look forward to welcoming your children for a happy and healthy start to the day!

Please remember that it is an INSET day on Monday so we will see you all again on Tuesday.



Upcoming Events

28.9.26 INSET DAY

1.10.26 – Start of Black History Month

5.10.26 – Harvest Assembly 9:00 all welcome

6.10.26 – PTFA meeting 7:30pm

7.10.26 – New Reception Open Morning 2027-28 9:30

8.10.26 – Little City workshop for Reception

9.10.26 – World Mental Health Day activities

13.10.26 – SEN parent coffee morning 9am

15.10.26 – Reception parents phonics workshop 9-10am

16.10 – 19.10.27 – Y6 at PGL

Please remember to wear PE kit on PE days.

Pine (Reception) – Tuesday and Thursday

Beech (Year1) – Wednesday and Friday

Maple (Year2) – Wednesday and Friday

Willow (Year 3) – Tuesday and Thursday

Oak (Year 4) – Tuesday and Thursday

Cedar (Year 5) – Monday and Thursday

Elm (Year 6) – Tuesday and Thursday



Fun at Deanfield for Year 5



Important Reminders

- Please could all children with hair shoulder length or longer make sure that it is tied back for school.
- We are a **nut-free school**. Please ensure no items with nuts are brought in.
- Please be responsible for your children in the playground before and after school.



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Year 6 had a great time at the Lifeskills centre this week.



They experienced real-life scenarios and learned vital life-saving and safety skills.



We are very pleased to partner with Progressive Kids, who run our fantastic after-school club from our school site. You are able to choose from a one hour sports club or the full club until 6pm.

There are lots of different activities on offer with snacks provided too.
Please see the information that was emailed separately for how to book.



CLUBS & TIMES

After-school club 3:30-6:00pm **M T W T F**

Sports club

 Football Mon	 Basketball Tue	 Gymnastics Thu	 Glow Sports Fri
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More than just childcare.

Every session is built around four zones, so there is always something your child will love.



Active

Sport, from dodgeball to Nerf Wars.



Creative

Art, crafts, music and drama.



Discovery

Hands-on play that sparks curiosity.



Wellness

A calm space to relax and recharge.