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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mrs Leith

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the Parent Survey for this term. I have spent time looking through the results of the survey and a common theme is that parents would like to have a better understanding of the curriculum being delivered at Elm Wood.

As a school, since September we have been working hard to update our school website so that our curriculum coverage is captured. Please do spend sometime looking at the curriculum section of the website as it does capture the full curriculum that we deliver here at Elm Wood. Please follow this link to access this section of our website, [Elm Wood Website - Curriculum](#).

We have also had many parent events linked to the curriculum this year and I will ensure that we plan more of these in for the next academic year. A link to the Parent Events page on our website can be found in the **Parent Events** section of this newsletter.

As always the last half term of the school year will be very busy. Please check your emails for dates of End of Year Celebration Assemblies and Sports Days.

We will be starting the next half term with our Creative Arts day on 03.06.24 and we will be sharing the outcomes from this day with you at the end of the day on 07.06.24.

Mrs Leith

Dates for the diary...

07.06.24

Art Exhibition at 15.00

Week beginning 10.06.24

Clean Air Week

10.07.24

EYFS Sports Day at 14.00

11.07.24

Sports Day
Years 1, 2 & 3 at 10.00
Years 4, 5 & 6 at 12.30

13.07.24

Friends of Elm Wood Summer Fair

16.07.24

Year 6 Performance at 10.00 & 14.00

24.07.24

School closes for the Summer Holidays at 14.00



Measles

Last week you will have received communication from the school stating that we have had a confirmed case of Measles.

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people.

Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it.

Getting vaccinated also helps protect people who cannot be vaccinated, such as unborn babies, newborn babies and anyone with a weakened immune system.

For more information on MMR vaccinations visit the NHS Website by clicking the NHS image below



Learning Updates

Each class teacher uploads weekly learning updates on **Weduc**. Please follow this link to access these updates for your child's class.



Please contact the school office if you need assistance to log into Weduc.

Parent Events

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have attended the parent events that have taken place so far this term.

The final parent event for this academic year is aimed at our **Year 5 parents and carers** and it is the first of two sessions on applying for secondary schools.

In this session we will talk you through the process of selecting and applying for a secondary school for your child.

Please follow this link to access this information on our website: [Parent Events](#)

School Trips



This term the children have been on many school trips. Each trip the children complete links directly to learning that is taking place in class.

Year 1 visited central London linked to their History Topic about London.

Linked to their Science topic (States of Matter) the Year 4 children visited the Wonder Lab.



Please click on the link below to visit the school website to see our Topic Overview for each year group

[Topic Overview 2023 - 2024](#)

Uniform

In the warmer weather the children can wear the following items to school:

- White short sleeved polo shirt
- Summer dresses made of green gingham
- Grey Shorts

Please note that on hot weather days we will not expect the children to wear their school ties or blue blazers.

All children are to continue to wear black school shoes as part of their school uniform.



Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping your children to come to school every day.

I often get questions from parents and carers linked to their child's attendance at school. Below I have tried to capture the key facts that I share regularly with parents.



School Attendance facts:

- The government says that children should have an attendance of at least 95%
- Having 90% attendance is like having one school day off every two weeks
- Having 85% attendance is the same as missing a whole half term of school
- Having 80% attendance is like having one school day off every week
- If you have a two-week holiday during school time each year, you will have missed 14 weeks of school by the end of year 6

Important messages!

Ball Games

Please can we remind all children and their families that ball games should not be played in the playground before or after school.

Bikes and Scooters

In order to keep the children in our Elm Wood family safe, please can all children and adults make sure that they are not riding bikes and scooters in the playground.



Year 6

After half term the Year 6 children will be beginning their last half term with us at Elm Wood before starting their new adventures at their secondary schools.

This term they have all worked extremely hard during SATs week and everyone at Elm Wood are very proud of each and every one of them.

The children in Year 6 will be taking part in lots of exciting events next half term. These include the Year 6 Performance, weekly swimming sessions, a residential to PGL and beach volley ball.



Wacky Races

We hope you all have fun Year 6!