

JULY 2024

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2, 2024

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TOP NEWS

Year 6: Final Goodbyes

Global Arts Day

Sports Days



Message from Mrs Leith

Once again we find ourselves at the end of another busy school year. Throughout this year the children in our Elm Wood Family have continued to impress us all in the way in which they consistently strive to meet our Elm Wood Promises.

To show kindness and respect
To develop resilience and perseverance
To aim for excellence and success



I have really enjoyed each of the End of Year Celebration Assemblies that I have attended over the past two weeks. It has been wonderful to see the children proudly sharing their learning with you all.

This year we have continued to make positive changes to the day to day provision at our school and recently we have introduced a new timetable at lunchtime for our Key Stage 2 classes. This new timetable means that the children in year 5 and 6 have their lunchtimes together and Year 3 and 4 have their lunchtimes together. The children are all delighted to have more space in the playground and we are pleased to be able to let you know that this will continue in the new academic year.

I would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best with their transition to secondary school.

Thank you all for your continued support and I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Summer!

Mrs Leith

Dates for the diary...

24.07.24

School closes for the Summer Holidays at 14.00

02.09.24 & 03.09.24

School Closed for INSET Days

04.09.24

All pupils from Years 1 to 6 return to school

04.09.24

Meet the Team Meetings (Years 1 to 6)

October 2024

Black History Month

28.10.24 to 01.11.24

School Closed for October Half Term



Summer Activities around Lambeth

Lambeth Summer of Food and Fun

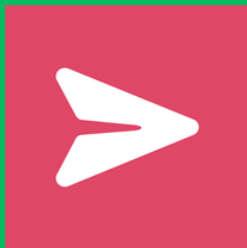
Helping local families with children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals get access to free healthy meals, fun physical activities to suit different tastes and ages, and guidance on food and nutrition for the whole family.



Summer of Food and Fun →

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.

Important messages!

- Please can we remind all parents and carers that children **must wear black shoes** to school with their school uniform. Trainers are only to be worn to school on days when the children are wearing their PE kits to school. More information on our school uniform can be found on our school website.
<https://www.elmwoodprimary.co.uk/uniform>
- Please can all our families remember to **name all items** of school uniform, books bags, coats and hats for their children.
- Please follow this link to our school website to access **term dates** for the next academic year.
<https://www.elmwoodprimary.co.uk/term-dates>

Friends Of Elm Wood

A huge thank you to Friends of Elm Wood for organising our summer fair on Saturday 13th July. What a great turn out! The children haven't stopped talking about all of the fun that they had and the treats that they bought.

Elm Wood's got talent was a huge success - thank you to Miss Hutchinson for being the lead judge!



This year the Friends of Elm Wood have donated many grants to the school which we have been used to fund trips and buy resources for the school.

THANK YOU

Bikes and Scooters

We have many children who use their bikes and scooters to come to school every day. As a school we need ensure that we can safely store these bikes and scooters.

From September 2024, any bikes or scooters which are left on school grounds at the end of each term will be removed and disposed of.



School will send further reminders to parents and carers towards the end of the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms for the next academic year.

Year 6 - Lion King

A big well done to all of our year 6 children on such a fantastic performance of the Lion King. The singing was incredible and described as something out of the West End by a staff member. The children worked tirelessly to rehearse their lines and make it the wonderful show it was. Another big thank you to Ms Stevenson, Mr Carey and Ms Balaam for preparing the children and putting in so much of your time to make the show such a success. Thank you to our parents who helped with costumes, props and set design.

Year 6 you have been amazing! Thank you all for being such a big part of our Elm Wood Family!

THANK YOU!



Global Arts Day

All children at Elm Wood took part in Global Arts Day.

On this day everyone created a brilliant replica of Anthony Gormley's terracotta figures.

They designed one each based on their own appearance and personality.

We put all of the sculptures together to create "A Field for Elm Wood" which represented everyone in our Elm Wood Family.



Year 5 - Secondary Applications

Please follow this link to access

[A brief guide to starting secondary school in Lambeth](#)

All applications must be completed by 31.10.24

Please click on the image below to access more information from Lambeth regarding this process.



If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), do not complete a Common Application Form. Please contact your home borough's SEND Team for details about the applications for secondary school.

School will be holding another parent event for our Year 5 parents early in the Autumn Term. At the event we will be talk you through completing the application form.

Please remember that you can always contact our school office if you would like further support with this application.