



Staffing and Classes for next

Academic Year 2019/20

Ian MacDonald (Headteacher)

Teachers are currently busy writing end of year reports for your children as we begin to reflect on the year that has passed whilst at the same time we are beginning to prepare for September. Therefore, thinking ahead to next academic year, the teachers will be teaching in the following classes:

Class R – Miss Woods

Class 1 – Mrs Blunden/ Mrs Gratze

Class 2 – Miss Matthews

Class 3 – Mrs Trapp

Class 4 – Mrs Brennan/ Mrs Rees

Class 5 – Mr Daykin

Class 6 – Miss Keitch

Miss Ali will be covering PPA in Classes 3, 5 and 6.

Parent/ Carer Use of Social Media

It is important that as a parent/ carer you act as role model for your child with your use of social media and that you teach and model kindness and good manners online.

The virtual world can lull people into a false sense of anonymity. Not having someone in front of us somehow can give us the 'courage' to say something in a harsher, more opinionated manner than we would ever say in person. The convenience and immediacy of social media makes it easy to communicate something in anger or frustration without fully understanding the potential impact to others.

I would like to remind you that our home school agreement states that you should, 'Refrain from using social networking sites to discuss sensitive issues about the school.' This includes making comments about members of staff and also applies to closed Facebook pages. If you have any concerns or worries, whatever the situation, we would encourage you, and/or your child, to talk to us about it at the earliest opportunity so that we can help sort out the problem.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 21st June

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 21st June. Rather than paying a donation, we would like the children to bring in a bottle as a prize for the tombola stall at the Summer Fete. This bottle can be a bottle of anything but if you intend to donate an alcoholic drink in a bottle then please could I ask that you, as the parent/ carer, bring this to the School Office rather than giving it to your child to bring in to school. All bottles should be brought in to school on this day. Thank you

Class 1 Phonics Check

Well done to the children in Class 1 for all working hard and facing the challenge of the Phonics Check this week. They were a real credit to the school with the way that they showed a 'Growth Mindset' – I know that Mrs Blunden and Mrs Gratze are very proud of you all!

Reminder for Class R Parents/ Carers – Class R Assembly

Just to remind you that the Class R Assembly will take place next Thursday (20th June) at 2:45pm in the School Hall when Class R will be sharing the work they have been doing this term with their parents/ carers.

Kingswood Residential Trip – Information for Class 6 Parents/ Carers

The Kingswood residential trip for Class 6 children starts on Sunday 23rd June. The bus will leave school at 9:00am and the children don't need to be at school until 8:45am.

Please make sure that you have packed all of the necessary items from the supplied kit list. Don't forget that Miss Keitch will be creating a closed Facebook page to keep parents updated about events throughout the trip. Please keep an eye out on your Facebook account for notification to join the group if you wish to.

May Day 2020 Bank Holiday Change

Following the announcement by the Government that, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, the May Day bank holiday in 2020 will now be **Friday 8th May 2020**, instead of Monday 4th May 2020, I have attached to this week's Newsletter a revised version of our term dates for next academic year.

Young Children's Festival

Please see the attached flyer for more information about the Young Children's Festival taking place on Sunday.



Class 5 Sailing Trip

On Monday, Class 5 went on their annual sailing trip to Brightlingsea. Whilst there, the children fished for a range of shellfish on a trawler; supported the crew whilst sailing on 'The Pioneer' and conducted scavenger hunts on the nearby beach. Despite the poor weather, they had a fantastic day and were all exceptionally behaved.

Mr Daykin



Class R Walton-on-the-Naze Trip

We were extremely lucky with the weather for our beach trip to Walton on Tuesday. The children had a fantastic day: playing in the park; building sandcastles; paddling in the sea and enjoying a delicious ice cream. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. The behaviour and manners of the children throughout the day was impeccable and we are all very proud of everyone in Class R. Thank you to those parents/ carers who helped us on the day.

Mrs Higgins/ Miss Smith



Elmstead v Brightlingsea District Mini-Tennis Final – Tuesday 12th June

On Tuesday 12th June, the Elmstead A team went to Clacton Leisure Centre to play Brightlingsea at Mini-Tennis and won the match 72-61. Well done to Jacob, Alfie, Alicia and Matilda who all played well and gave a good account of themselves. It means that both Elmstead and Brightlingsea can go through to the County Championships on Tuesday 25th June. Every effort will be made to reschedule the Mini-Tennis event that other children missed due to the rain.

Mr Higgins



EPSA Updates

If you would like your business advertised in our Summer Fete programme, this is £10 per advert and will be available to everyone that attends on the day. Please email: elmsteadepsa@hotmail.com

If you have any unwanted or outgrown uniform, we are accepting donations for our pre-loved uniform stall that we will have at the Fete. Please drop uniform at the School Office.

Father's day card and coaster orders have now been given to the children.

There will be a non-uniform day next Friday, 21st June. Please bring a bottle for our tombola that we will have at the Fete. If there are any alcoholic bottles, please bring them straight to the office. Many thanks.

Our next EPSA meeting is on 18th June at the school at 7:00pm – you are all welcome to attend. Please think about coming to this meeting and let us know if you can help EPSA at any upcoming event, including the Fete and Sports Day.



Pupil News

Maia, in Class 6, and her dance partner Charlotte took part in an ISTD Qualifier on Sunday in Cambridge competing for a place at the ISTD National Finals Day held in Guildford this coming October. To qualify, you have to be placed quite highly, even if you make it to the finals it does not guarantee you a place. Maia and Charlotte were placed 1st in their Rock and Roll in the under 14's category and Maia is very excited to go to Guildford for a second year running. Well done Maia!



Bikeability Courses

Bikeability courses are going to be running over the summer holidays – please see the attached flyer for further information.

Quality Kids Attachments

Please find attached to the Newsletter information about which Quality Kids Clubs are on next week. Whilst Elmstead Primary School is happy to share these opportunities with our parents/ carers and pupils, we have no responsibility for them.

Elmstead Cricket Club

Cricket training for children is on tonight – 6:30pm – 8:00pm. There isn't a barbecue this week.

Attachments – Electronic Copies

For electronic copies of any of the attachments mentioned in this week's Newsletter, please go to the School Website: <http://www.elmsteadprimary.com/parents-area/newsletters>

Diary Dates

Academic Year 2018/2019

Summer Term 2019

Thursday 20th June
Friday 21st June
Sunday 23rd June
– Wednesday 26th June
Friday 28th June
Wednesday 3rd July
Thursday 4th July
Wednesday 24th July

Class R Assembly to Class R Parents/ Carers – 2:45pm
Non-Uniform day – bring in a prize for the tombola stall
Class 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

Summer Fete
Open Evening – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
Last day of term

Academic Year 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Wednesday 4th September
Monday 28th October
Friday 29th November
Wednesday 18th December
Thursday 19th December

Non-Pupil Day
First day of term for pupils
Half term holiday week
Non-Pupil Day
Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
Last day of term