



Summer Fete

Ian MacDonald (Headteacher)

Our Summer Fete is this afternoon from 3:15pm – 6:00pm on the school field. There will be games, raffles, refreshments, barbecue, bar, face painting, inflatables, bottle tombola, stalls, pony rides, performances, pre-loved school uniform plus much more!

We hope to see you there!

Open Evening – Wednesday 3rd July – 3:30pm – 6:00pm

We are holding our Open Evening next Wednesday, 3rd July, from 3:30pm - 6:00pm.

This will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's work; their classroom and to have a look in any of the other classrooms around the school. This won't be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with your child's classteacher.

We hope that you will be able to attend.

Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Next Thursday, 4th July, is our annual Sports Day – weather permitting – with Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 in the morning (starting at 9:30am) and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon (starting at 1:15pm). Traditionally, parents join the children for a picnic lunch on the school field, during the middle of the day and we hope that you will be able to do this again this year. Again, this is subject to good weather.

Programmes of races will be available on the day. Bring your chairs to set up along the track (opposite where the children will sit under the marquees).

There will be a points system for children coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both the KS1 and KS2 races where points will be given to the colour houses: red, purple, green and blue. By the end of the KS1 morning races, we will announce the winners... so far. At approximately 3.10pm, the overall house winners will be named. KS1 teachers may like to bring their class round for the announcement. Please be aware that the timings may run over (so if you need your child to be out of school for 3.15pm then please let the class teacher know).

Please could you make sure that your child has their P.E. kit of: coloured t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers with them on the day. Also, if the weather is hot as it has been this week, please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream, has a named sun hat and a named water bottle with them. We hope that you can join us for this event.

School Kitchen on Sports Day – Thursday 4th July

Just to remind you that the school kitchen will not be offering a hot dinner on Sports Day, Thursday 4th July, instead they will be offering a pre-ordered packed lunch.

If you wanted your child to have a pre-ordered packed lunch provided by school, then the deadline for completing the form was Wednesday 26th June. If you did not complete this in time, then you will need to make sure that you have provided your child with a packed lunch for Sports Day.

School Games Mark

I am absolutely delighted to announce that our work in developing P.E. and Sport has been recognised and that, following on from our Bronze Level last year, we have been awarded the School Games Mark – Gold Level – a fantastic achievement! Over the course of the year, we have been to over 30 sporting tournaments, held inter-house competitions and the children have had the opportunity to try archery, fencing, Tri-golf and musical theatre. I would like to thank the teachers, Steve Higgins and Premier Education for their hard work in giving the children so many sporting opportunities.



Class Photographs

Your child's class photograph proof has already been sent out to you. Please could you return this, along with payment if you would like the photograph, by Friday 5th July.

Meet the Teacher Meetings for Parents/ Carers – Reminder

Don't forget that next week we have the first of our Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Tuesday 2nd July – 5:30pm – Class 1 (Current Class R) Parents/ Carers

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher in September and to find out more about the expectations in your child's year group next year. These meetings are for Parents/ Carers only.



Whole School Transition Afternoons

On Tuesday (2nd July) next week, we have the first of three whole school transition afternoons – the other two are on the afternoons of Thursday 11th July and Thursday 18th July. This means that each class will spend these afternoons with the teacher they will be with in September and in the classroom they will be in.

Healthy Schools Update

Healthy Snacks:

As a 'Healthy School', we ask that you encourage your child to bring a healthy snack and packed lunch to school. Studies have shown that healthy foods, as opposed to sugary or salty foods, encourage children's bodies and brains to work more effectively during the school day. The body of a child who eats sugary foods at break and/or lunchtimes may suffer a sugar 'high' which, in turn, may be followed by a sugar 'low'.

Therefore their attention span may waver, which can affect the rate at which they learn. Please give a little extra thought when packing up your child's lunch for school and replace any sugary or salty foods with something a little healthier.

Here are a few suggestions:

Fresh fruit (including tomatoes, cucumber), chopped vegetables (such as carrot, pepper), bread sticks, pitta bread, cheese (and un-sugared/un-salted crackers) or yoghurts. Please be aware that there are some pupils with allergies and food containing nuts should be avoided.

Beth Chatto Gardens Recycling Scheme:

Beth Chatto Gardens have recently introduced recycling bins for non-recyclable plastic items. They are currently accepting the following items:

- Toothpaste tubes
- Toothbrushes
- Dental flossing containers
- Plastic Breath spray containers
- Mouthwash bottles
- Battery operated toothbrushes
- Crisp packets
- Biscuit wrappers
- Baby food pouches (must be clean and dry)

Please remember all items should be as empty, clean and as dry as possible.

Miss Ali



No children on play equipment before or after school

Please can I remind you that there should be no children on the play equipment on either the infant or junior playgrounds before or after school.

Thank you

Quality Kids Attachments

Please find attached to the Newsletter information about which Quality Kids Clubs are on next week and the upcoming Cricket Family Fun Days at Elmstead Cricket Club. 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.



EPSA Updates

If you have a child in Years R to 5, you will be receiving 5 FREE name stickers. These are from STIKINS and will help reduce lost property. As you know, uniform can be expensive. They can be used on other items not just uniform. If you would like to place a further order, please go online: www.stikins.co.uk or use the order form that has been sent home. Please quote our fundraising number:35955 and EPSA will receive up to 30%.

Did you know bags for the recycling bin are available from the School Office?

In September we will be organising the Cash 4 Coins Exchange – this raised over £200 last year. Please save ANY old English coins or ANY foreign coins or notes ready for the event. More details to follow.

See you at the Summer Fete after school today! Thank you to all those that have donated raffle prizes and bottles for the tombola. We will let you know how much is raised next week.

Our next EPSA meeting is on 9th July at the school at 7:00pm – you are all welcome to attend.

If you would like to contact us directly about anything, please email: elmsteadepsa@hotmail.com

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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

Tuesday 2 nd July	Whole School Transition Afternoon – 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 2 nd July	Meet the Teacher – Class 1 (Current Class R) Parents/ Carers – 5:30pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Class 1 – Beth Chatto Gardens Trip
Wednesday 3 rd July	Open Evening – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 4 th July	Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
Monday 8 th July	Meet the Teacher – Class 6 (Current Class 5) Parents/ Carers – 5:30pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Meet the Teacher – Class 3 (Current Class 2) Parents/ Carers – 5:30pm
Thursday 11 th July	Whole School Transition Afternoon – 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Thursday 11 th July	Meet the Teacher – Class 5 (Current Class 4) Parents/ Carers – 5:30pm
Thursday 11 th July	Meet the Teacher – Class 4 (Current Class 3) Parents/ Carers – 6:00pm
Tuesday 16 th July	Meet the Teacher – Class 2 (Current Class 1) Parents/ Carers – 5:30pm
Tuesday 16 th July	Meet the Teacher – Class R (New Entrants) Parents/ Carers – 6:00pm
Thursday 18 th July	Whole School Transition Afternoon – 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term

Academic Year 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 4 th September	First day of term for pupils
Monday 28 th October	Half term holiday week
Friday 29 th November	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
Thursday 19 th December	Last day of term