



## End of School Year

**Ian MacDonald (Headteacher)**

Well here we are – the final newsletter of the academic year 2018 – 19 and what a busy year it has been! The children at Elmstead have had a brilliant year of experiences which have enhanced their learning; they have worked hard to progress in their knowledge and skills and along the way they have enjoyed their learning too! I would like to thank the staff who are a dedicated, hard-working team that strive to deliver the best education for our children.

I would also like to thank EPSA for all the events they have organised this year which have raised a significant amount of money. This has meant that we can buy resources that we otherwise would not be able to afford because of the limits our budget.

We will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children on their last day at Elmstead next Wednesday. We wish them all the best at their new Secondary Schools in September.

We also, say 'Goodbye' and 'Best Wishes' for the future to Mrs Higgins who is retiring after 22 years at Elmstead. Over the summer, we will be having some building works being completed. These include: Mr Trapp is going to be decorating the Learning Pods with some new murals and the Computer Suite is having an overhaul to transform it into a multimedia and music teaching room.

The first day of next term for the children is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. I would like to wish all of Elmstead Primary School's children and families a good summer.

## Class 6 Leavers' Assembly

Next Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, will be Class 6 children's last day at Elmstead Primary School before they head off to Secondary School. That afternoon, starting at 1:15pm, there will be a special Class 6 Leavers' Assembly to which Class 6 parents/ carers are invited to attend. We will also be presenting our end of year awards.

Unfortunately, due to space restrictions, each family is limited to two seats per family.

After school, the Class 6 children are going to be collected by a bus to take them to Mersea to carry on their leavers' celebrations. Please could I ask that you park considerably around the school site in order for the bus to be able to park outside the school on this special day for the Class 6 children.

We hope that Class 6 parents/ carers will be able to join us for this special event.

## Meet the Teacher Meetings

This week we completed the last of the Meet the Teacher Meetings and I hope that you found them useful and informative. Good home/ school links are vitally important to a child's education and at the beginning of the Autumn term we will be sending to you, linked to the Newsletter, a Curriculum Overview for the term for your child's year group. This will give you an understanding of the various things your child will be learning during the term which you can then follow up on at home.

## Stave House Music

Following on from last week's Newsletter where I informed you about our new approach to teaching Music next academic year, please see the following link for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJFOTiyYVH8&feature=youtu.be>



## Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Following the Governors' Full Governing Board Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July, the term dates for academic year 2020 – 2021 have now been agreed and I have attached a copy of these dates to this week's Newsletter.

## After School Club starting in September

Following the results of our survey for parents/ carers, we have decided that from September we will be providing an After School Club with similar provision to our Breakfast Club.

You will be receiving information about this today, including pricing and a registration form that must be completed if you are intending to use this service. You need to pre-book to use this service and fees **must** be paid on a weekly basis, at either the beginning or end of the week, via the School Office or the online SIMS PAY payment system. Whether children stay to the shorter or longer session, we will be providing them with a snack and a drink. There will be a choice of either: fruit, vegetable batons, bread sticks, oaty biscuits, cereal bars and muffins. Water and milk to drink will be available.

If you have any further questions about this, then please go to the School Office.



### Class 3 to 6 Squash Match – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Seven children from Classes 3 to 6 competed in a squash match against Tiptree Heath Primary School at Tiptree Sports Centre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. All the children improved throughout the afternoon and showed good resilience when playing matches. The final score was 297 points to Tiptree Heath and 279 to Elmstead.

Mr Higgins

### Class 6 Enterprise Day – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

On Tuesday, Class 6 children from Elmstead joined together with children from Frinton and Gt. Bentley Primary Schools to enjoy an 'Enterprise Day', in which they had to work together to promote a product, 'The Apprentice' style! Not only did all the children have a wonderful day creating written adverts, jingles and slogans to sell their given products; they worked confidently, cooperatively and with enthusiasm in mixed school groups. The children who remained at Elmstead were welcoming, supportive and inclusive to their guests, helping to create a friendly and productive atmosphere, while the teachers from Gt. Bentley and Frinton expressed their gratitude at Elmstead children being polite, creative and a credit to our school! Well done to all the children for a highly successful and collaborative day!

Finally, a huge thank you to parents for transporting the children to the other two schools.

Miss Keitch

### Class 5 Tendring Junior Ambassador Project

Over the past half term, Class 5 have been participating in the 'Tendring Junior Ambassador Project'. They have been learning about other cultures, through a range of workshops, and have then been representing their thoughts and ideas through various forms of written work. On Tuesday, their project culminated with a celebration event at the Princes Theatre. The children took part in different activities; performed some of what they had learnt during their sessions and then received a book displaying a collection of their work from Cllr. Dan Land. Overall, the project was a great success; the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst learning about a wide range of cultures and backgrounds.

Mr Daykin



### Class 5 Cooking

During this term, Class 5 have been studying their class topic, 'Water of the World'. Whilst learning about geographical features of the world, such as major rivers and the water cycle, they have been comparing parts of North America (Alaska) to our local area. As part of this, the children researched, wrote and edited a recipe for a traditional American dish – an apple pie. This week the class had the opportunity to put their recipes into action and made some delicious desserts! Mr Daykin



### P.E. and Sport in September

In September, we will be making some new sporting links. On a Monday afternoon, a coach from Colchester School of Gymnastics is going to be working with classes and on a Tuesday afternoon a coach from Colchester United's Football in the Community Project is going to be working with classes. We are also hoping that both of these coaches will then also be providing after school sports clubs on the same days. Mr Myhill, will also be starting his football club again with a view to developing the children who attend into our school football team next academic year. There are only 15 places available in this club and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to children in Year 5 and 6 only. Mr Higgins has informed me that Quality Kids aren't going to be running any after school clubs in the Autumn term. I would like to thank Mr Higgins for all his work with running after school clubs over a number of years; giving the children who have attended so many sporting opportunities and also helping the school achieve the School Games Gold Mark. I will confirm with you when we start back in the September the details of the sports clubs that will be on offer.



## EPSA Updates

Tea towels have nearly sold out! Get yours ASAP to avoid disappointment – £4 each available from the School Office. If you would like to place an order with STIKINS and help reduce lost property, the link can be found below. The named stickers can be used in clothes and on water bottles / lunch boxes. Please quote our fundraising number 35955 and EPSA will receive up to 30%: [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

Our next EPSA meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto:elmsteadepsa@hotmail.com) EPSA

## Summer Holiday Activities

Please find attached to the Newsletter a poster about Summer holiday activities taking place at Colchester School of Gymnastics; information about Real Tennis at Prested Hall; information about Essex Wildlife Trust Wildfest and a Newsletter from Charley Day, Youth Worker at Elmstead Church.

## Elmstead Cricket Club

Cricket training for children is on tonight – 6:30pm – 8:00pm. This is the last session for children. 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**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July Last day of term

### Academic Year 2019/2020

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

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

#### **Spring Term 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Non-Pupil Day  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January First day of term for pupils  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February Half term holiday week  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Last day of term  
(Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April/ Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April)

#### **Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 First Day of term for pupils  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank holiday  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May Half term holiday week  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Non-Pupil Day  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Non-Pupil Day  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last day of term