



## Curriculum Overviews

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I have attached to this week's 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 is learning during this term.

Each Curriculum Overview can also be found on the School Website at:

<http://www.elmsteadprimary.com/about-our-school/curriculum> alongside the Curriculum Map for the academic year for each year group.

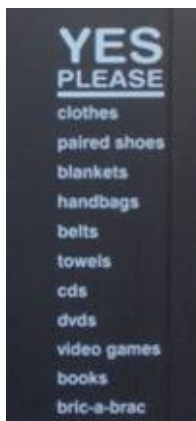
## Flowers on the Gate

Since we have started back this term, I am sure that you will have noticed the appearance of the flowers on our main gate on your way in to school. The flowers have been made by the children following on from our work, in particular during Anti-Bullying Week in the Autumn term, on 'Respect'. Flowers have been made by all the children in the school and each child has written about another child in their class and how they show kindness. I would like to thank Miss Matthews for coordinating this work.



## Recycling Bank

We now have a recycling bank installed between the two bike shelters at the front of the school. Please see the photograph for items that can be put into the recycling bank which includes things like: clothes, paired shoes, books and CDs. EPSA will then be able to raise money for the school from the recycling company for the items that are put into the bank. Donation bags will be sent out shortly.



## Class Assemblies to Parents/ Carers

Each class is going to be doing one class assembly to parents/ carers in the academic year so you can find out more about some of the work they have been doing in school.

This term Class 4, Class 2 and Class 3 will be doing their Class Assembly to their parents/ carers in the hall on the following dates and times:

Class 4 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2:45pm to

Class 4 Parents/ Carers

Class 2 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm to

Class 2 Parents/ Carers

Class 3 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2:45pm to

Class 3 Parents/ Carers

## Lost Property

We have quite a bit of Lost Property in the school, mainly due to unnamed items of clothing. There will be a display of Lost Property in the hall during the morning of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Parents are welcome to have a look before the start of school. Each class will then walk through the hall to see if they can identify any lost items so please encourage your child to look carefully. Unclaimed and unnamed items will be disposed of.

## Swimming – four places left

We currently have only four places left for those children in Classes 3, 4 or 5 who would like to go swimming. If you are interested, then please go to the School Office for more information.

## SSE Wildcats

I have attached to the Newsletter information about girls only football sessions starting at Essex University from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

## Final Reminder about the Deadline for Primary School Applications – September 2019

The statutory national closing date for Primary School applications for parents/ carers of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019 (**This is for parents/ carers of children born during the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**) is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Please make sure you apply for a place before this date if you have not already done so.



## Plasticology Assembly and Workshops

On Monday, some visitors from Essex Wildlife Trust came and spoke to the children in assembly about the problem of plastic rubbish and what we can do about it in our day to day lives. In an informative session, they talked to the children about how plastic damages the environment and is harmful to wildlife and how we can 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' to improve this. After Assembly, Classes 6, 4 and 3 had workshops about either plastic in the seas or natural recyclers. The children proved to be very knowledgeable about this subject and how they can do their bit to help with plastic pollution.

## Change to the Dinner Menu next week

Next week we are on Dinner Menu Week 3 but there is a change to the published menu. The menus for next Thursday and Friday are swapping over so Jumbo Fish Finger and Chips is on Thursday and Chicken Italienne is on Friday.

The latest dinner menus are on the School Website at: <http://www.elmsteadprimary.com/parents-area/school-dinner-menus>

## iAchieve Extra Tuition Sessions (Learning Academies)

I have attached to this week's Newsletter a flyer from Learning Academies about their tuition sessions which are on Wednesdays after school. For more information and the relevant contact details please see the flyer. Whilst Elmstead Primary School is happy to share this opportunity with our parents/ carers and pupils, we have no responsibility for them.

## Brass/ Woodwind Music Lessons/ Ukulele Club

I have attached to the Newsletter some information from Dave Clark, peripatetic music teacher regarding music lessons and ukulele club for Key Stage 2 children.

## 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.

## 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

#### Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day 2019
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening – 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening – 3:30pm – 8:00pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday week
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Individual Photographs
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Class 4 Assembly to Class 4 Parents/ Carers – 2:45pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2 Assembly to Class 2 Parents/ Carers – 2:45pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Class 3 Assembly to Class 3 Parents/ Carers – 2:45pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
(Good Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April/ Easter Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April)	

#### Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	First day of term for pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term holiday week
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood
– Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term