



ELSTON HALL
Primary School

SPRING TERM 2018

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Elston Hall News



May I welcome you all back to a new term and take the opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. I hope you were all able to enjoy a lovely Christmas holiday with your family. The Spring Term is traditionally the term that faces the least disruption in learning and children can make the most progress. We do of course still have events planned. They will always be advertised in our newsletters and on the calendar. Clubs have now resumed and our SAT's boosters for year 6 pupils have begun. Starting from next week Year 2 will also be running a Maths Club on a Thursday, from the end of the school day to 4.20 pm. This is for invited pupils only. I look forward to seeing everyone during the new term.
Kevin Grayson

What's Coming Up...

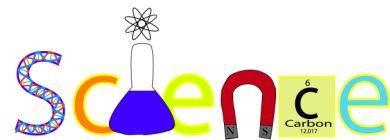
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Wednesday 14th February 2018 – Year 5 Trip to Cosford

Attendance

Attendance figures as of 11th January are:

Reception - 94.3%	Year 1 - 96.7%
Year 2 - 96.7%	Year 3 - 96.9%
Year 4 - 96.5%	Year 5 - 97.0%
Year 6 - 96.6%	Whole school - 96.7%

Well done Year 5!



Science is all around us and is an important part of our daily life. We are encouraging children to think scientifically about the world around them in a fun and engaging way.

To support our children to do this we will be providing a range of practical investigations and key facts to discuss and do at home. These will be regularly shared with you through this school newsletter and also on the website. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Science fact of the week— Did you know that your nose and ears continue growing throughout your entire life!

Contacting the School Office

Please can we remind parents that there are times when the reception is unmanned and therefore the phone line direct to Reception may not be answered immediately. However, if you leave a voicemail this will be listened to and dealt with - Mrs Ireson ensures that the answer machine is checked as soon as it alerts her there is a message, you can be sure your message will be received. The line for reporting pupil absence is also checked regularly so if you leave a message to inform us that your child is absent there is no need to call again. If it is urgent then of course feel free to try one of the other options from the main menu.

Thank you

School Website

Look out for our new and improved School Website, which will be launched in the coming week!

Term Dates

Half Term - Week beginning Monday 19th February
The end of Spring term is Thursday 27th March.
A full list of dates as ever is included in this Newsletter.

Safeguarding at Elston Hall

The national agenda for keeping children safe quite rightly continues to grow with more documentation and expectations placed on schools as we look to ensure children are always safe.

At Elston Hall we will always try to discuss concerns with parents/carers and consent for any referrals for support will always be sought. This may well be a discussion with the class teacher or indeed a conversation with a member of our safeguarding team.

However there are instances where legislation demands we follow an immediate process that is in the best interests of safeguarding children - this process is not open to individual interpretation. There may be occasions when the school has to consult with other agencies without a parents or carers prior knowledge. Our first concern and responsibility is the child's welfare and we have a duty to protect children first and always. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social care and/or the police. We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, however staff will try to do everything to be supportive whilst ensuring we follow the procedures required by the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board.

Parking and Road Safety

Sadly we again are having to remind parents and carers to park with care as more incidents have been reported to us this week. One such incident involved a car being parked directly on the pavement as families walked to school! As well as being respectful to each other we would ask that disputes between parents do not escalate particularly when children are around. Many thanks!

Medicines in School

A reminder please that if your child needs medicine whilst in school then you must see the office to complete a form. Only prescribed medicines will be administered by staff, if they are required to be taken 4 or more times a day. Any non prescribed medication would need to be administered by parents.

Many thanks

Events calendar for the academic year 2017/2018

Thursday 18th January – Athletics Competition at Aldersley Stadium
Friday 19th January 2018 – Area Cross Country Races
Monday 22nd January – Great Big Dance Off in Birmingham
24th and 25th January – Fire Service in to visit Year 4
Saturday 27th January 10.00 am – Cross Country Relays at Aldersley Stadium
Wednesday 14th February 2018 – Year 5 Trip to Cosford
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February 2018 – Half Term
Friday 2nd March – Children to dress as a book character for Book Day
5th and 6th March – Book Fair
Tuesday 13th March – Year 1 to Weston Park, class 4 and half of class 5
Wednesday 14th March – Year 1 to Weston Park, class 6 and half of class 5
Thursday 15th March – Year 3 to NEC, Big Bang Science Fair
Tuesday 27th March – City Cross Country Finals, details to follow
Thursday 29th March 2018 – Children Break up for Easter
Monday 16th April 2018 – Children return to school
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018 – Half Term
27th and 28th June – Year 5 trip to Woodlands
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July – Year 6 Robotics Days
Friday 20th July 2018 – Children break up for summer
Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September—INSET days
Wednesday 5th September—Children return to school

Please Note – we have one more Inset Day for this academic year which is yet to be arranged. We will inform you of this date as soon as it is arranged.