



ELSTON HALL
Primary School

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Elston Hall News



Parking around school

We would ask, as we often do, for families to park with consideration whether it be on the car park at the back of school or in the streets surrounding school, both at the rear and over the Stafford Road around Newbury and Winchester. In particular please avoid parking that obstructs families from getting in and out of their driveways. Our colleagues at West Midlands Police are also continuing their sweeps around school parking.

Free School Meals and Flexible Charging

As you will remember we wrote to you last week to ask for you to provide your National Insurance Number and date of birth. Having these details enables us to check if your child is entitled for Free School Meals or Flexible charging - if they are then the school receives additional funding for your child. Thank you to those parents and carers who have given these details. From your responses we have been able to secure an additional £34,000 of funding. This is a staggering amount and we are sure you can appreciate how this additional funding is of value and benefit to our school and the children. If you haven't yet provided these details we would still encourage you to do so. The draw for the High Street vouchers will take place next week! Thanks again.

Harvest

Years 2 & 6's Harvest assembly yesterday was lovely - Well done everybody! Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items. The Little Brothers of Good Shepherd do valuable work with the city's homeless people and the donations were very gratefully received.
Thank you!

Attendance

Last week's attendance figure was 96.5% - Great!

What's Coming Up...

Monday 9th October – Cricket Competition at Ormiston NEW Academy
Tuesday 10th October – Cross Country Competition at Aldersley
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October – Parents Consultation evenings
Monday 16th October – School Photos
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – Half term

Term Dates

School breaks up for October half term on Friday 20th October, with Monday 30th being an INSET day, children return on Tuesday 31st October 2017. A full list of dates as ever is included on the reverse of this newsletter.

Book Fair

Thank you to parents and carers who supported our Book Fair this week. As always, it was a huge success, so thank you to those parents who were able to make use of it! The money raised (£1300) will be used to purchase some new books for the library.

Social Media

There have recently been challenging incidents in school that have been caused by children using social media whilst at home to send unkind and sometimes abusive messages. Whereas we are always supportive in trying to sort issues that cause distress to our children - it is difficult to make this happen in these circumstances as responsibility away from school lies with parents and particularly where families have allowed their children to use social media on their phones and tablets against the advice of phone companies and the law. We would also remind all our families...Mobile phones are not allowed at Elston Hall - any that are found will be confiscated until families are able to collect them.