



ELSTON HALL
Primary School

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Elston Hall News



What's Coming Up....

Friday 15th September – Stay & Play resumes in Nursery
Tuesday 19th September 3.30 pm – meeting for Reception parents in Infant Hall
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th October - Book Fair
Thursday 5th October – Harvest Festival Assembly – Years 2 & 6 (details to follow)
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October – Parents Consultation evenings (details to follow)

Term Dates

School breaks up for October half term on Friday 20th October. Please note we will be closed for INSET on Monday 30th October therefore children return on Tuesday 31st October 2017.
A full list of dates as ever is included on the reverse of this newsletter.

Harvest

On Thursday 5th October, Years 2 and 6 will be holding the Harvest Festival assembly. We would welcome donations of food produce which can be brought in anytime between now and then. Please do not bring in any donations of food which needs refrigerating and if you would like to donate fresh food please can this only be brought in on the 4th or 5th October. The donations will be passed on to the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd.
Many Thanks!

Mobile Phones

Please be advised that pupils are not permitted to bring their mobile phones into school. Should we find a mobile phone it will be removed from the pupil and returned only at the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support with this!



Junior Parents - Collecting Children

Please can we ask parents and carers to wait away from the doors when collecting children at the end of the day. Your child's class teacher will allow your child to leave when they see you, it would be helpful if parents could stay in the area by the basketball court. Thank you!

Clubs

Just a reminder that clubs will start back week commencing 18th September. A letter has been sent out to explain the wide range of activities available.

Welcome back to a new school year, we hope that you all had a super summer with your families! We were very happy to see children in school on Wednesday, excited and eager to learn!

We welcome Miss Ringland and Miss Callaghan to our school and also back with her new name following her wedding, Mrs Howell (Miss Archer).

Last year at Elston Hall was a very successful one with over 90% of our children achieving the required standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, while other year groups made similar progress to impact on attainment. Seeing the children come into school this week leads me to think this year will be just as successful.

Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart and following our expectations for uniform. A reminder that hair designs / patterns are not allowed at Elston Hall. A new batch of uniform is now available from the school office.

There has been a number of building projects in school over the summer, the last of the repairs will soon be complete.

We are now able to inform you of two INSET days we have planned. Monday 30th October 2017 and then Tuesday 2nd January 2018. This will leave us with one more day to plan in for this year and we will notify parents when this will be as soon as we know, it is likely to be in the summer term.

A reminder that Mrs Bennett, Miss Maguire and Mrs Purshouse will be working as Assistant Headteacher's this year. Mrs Highman will be Deputy Headteacher, while Mrs Dollery and myself continue as Headteachers. Here's to a happy and successful year ahead!

Kevin Grayson

Attendance

The summer term attendance was 96.7% overall which is a brilliant achievement. Let's see if we can continue and improve on this throughout the autumn term.

School Milk

A reminder that milk money (£11 for the term) is to be paid no later than Friday 15th September. Whole milk will be provided free of charge for under 5's.

Swimming

A reminder that Year 5 children will be swimming this year, starting with Class 16 who will be swimming on Monday afternoons during the Autumn term.

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.

Events calendar for the academic year 2017/2018

Please find below an updated list of events, we hope this helps with your arrangements

- Friday 15th September – Stay & Play resumes in Nursery
- Tuesday 19th September 3.30 pm – meeting for Reception parents in Infant Hall
- Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th October - Book Fair
- Thursday 5th October – Harvest Festival Assembly – Years 2 & 6 (details to follow)
- Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October – Parents Consultation evenings (details to follow)
- Monday 16th October – School Photos
- Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – Half term
- Monday 30th October – INSET day, school closed to children
- Monday 30th October – Nursery Parents Consultations (details to follow)
- Wednesday 8th November – Year 4 trip to Tamworth Castle (details to follow)
- Wednesday 20th December – Monday 1st January - Christmas holiday
- Tuesday 2nd January – INSET day, school closed to children
- Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Children return to school
- Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February 2018 – Half Term
- 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
- Friday 20th July 2018 – Children break up for summer

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.