



**ELSTON HALL**  
Primary School

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# Elston Hall News



## Update from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer - the children had lots of tales to share as did some of the staff! It has been very pleasing to see how quickly the children settled back into their new routines and the Reception children have amazed us, they are definitely 'smart campers'. I must take this opportunity to welcome any new families to our school and thank you all for ensuring the children returned looking 'super smart'. Both children and staff are definitely ready for a year of learning. As always, there will be lots of trips and events planned for this year but we are particularly excited to announce that it is Elston Hall's 80th Anniversary on 5th October. As you can imagine we could not let this occasion pass without a celebration. We have lots of ideas which we will share with you over the next few weeks but as part of the day we will be asking children, and staff to dress as if it was 1938, so we thought you'd like as much time as possible to prepare for this! Further information will follow.

Finally, I just wanted to say that I am very much looking forward to the year ahead, working with your children and of course yourselves. As always, if you do ever have any concerns or queries please contact school as we are always happy to help if we can!

Louise Dollery

## Trips and Visits


Trips out of school and visitors into school are an important part of education and offer exciting learning opportunities for children. Whilst we understand the cost of trips and visits can be a strain, we do try our best to keep the cost to parents and carers to the absolute minimum. In no circumstances does the school ever profit from these experiences, indeed we often subsidise these events from school resources, and without parents contributions many of them would not be able to go ahead. This year we will be doing additional fundraising to support the residential trips! Thank you for your continued support.

## What's coming up

Monday 17th September - Clubs begin

Monday 24th September 3.30 pm - meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the residential

Wednesday 3rd October 9.00 am - Phonics workshop for Reception parents

Check out the website for this week's experiment - Milkstastic fun   
Science Fact - Although the Stegosaurus dinosaur was over 9 metres long, its brain was only the size of a walnut.

## Safety around the school

### Dropping off and collecting procedures

A reminder please to parents that scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the school premises and playgrounds. We will always encourage families to walk to school and to use bikes or scooters, however please ensure that bikes and scooters are not ridden by children, or adults, once on school grounds.

Can we also ask that you do not allow your children to play on the Early Years outdoor play area at the beginning and end of the school day - thank you!

A note to parents who are new to Juniors and a reminder for the others please...It is really important that parents waiting to collect children from the Junior playground at the end of the day wait near the basketball court and do not approach the classroom doors. Teachers will bring your children out to you. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation!

## Twitter

Please remember we now have Twitter @elstonhallsch

We will be using this to send out messages and reminders so please follow us if you can!



## 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.

Date and Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 17th September	Extra-Curricular Clubs begin	Whole School
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September time 3.30 pm	Parents meeting for Year 6 Residential	Year 6
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 10.00 am	Open Morning for parents (Reception 2019 intake)	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 9.00 am	Phonics workshop for parents	Reception
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	Whole School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair	Whole School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2.00 pm	Open afternoon for parents (Reception 2019 intake)	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30 pm	Reading workshop for parents	Years 1 - 6
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Trip to Moseley Old Hall	Year 5
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 4.30 – 6.00pm	Parents Evening	Whole school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 5.00 pm	Parents Evening	Whole school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual School Photos	Whole school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Trip to Think Tank	Year 1
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Trip to Wyre Forest	Year 3
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Half Term		
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Trip to Tamworth Castle	Year 4
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00 am	Maths workshop for parents	Reception
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	World War Centenary Celebration	Whole school
Date in November TBC	Meeting for parents regarding residential	Year 4
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Spelling Challenge	Year 4
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Break up for Christmas		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January – INSET day – school closed to children		
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Children return to school		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019 – Half Term		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter		
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019 – Half Term		
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June – INSET day – school closed to children		
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July – Children Break up for summer		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – INSET day – school closed to children		