



ELSTON HALL
Primary School

Elston Hall News

Update from the Headteacher

What a year it has been, I can hardly believe we are at the end of it. We have crammed so much in and I hope your children have come away with many happy memories from this year. We sadly say goodbye today to our Year 6's. They thoroughly enjoyed their end of year treats yesterday, what a lovely way to finish their time here with us - best of luck Year 6 for your new adventures, we wish you all the very best for a bright future.

The children have had the chance to meet their new teachers and classmates this week and we are confident that they are ready for September. If you do have any concerns when we come back please do come and talk to us.

As we think ahead to September there will be a few staffing changes as we say goodbye to Mrs Cranshaw and wish her all the best on her retirement. We will also be welcoming Mrs McWilliams who is an experienced teacher joining us in year 6. Mrs Purshouse will be providing some additional support at Goldthorn Park over the next year. I will continue as Headteacher, with Miss Foster and Mrs Highman as Deputy Headteachers. Mr Grayson will continue to be based at Elston Hall whilst also supporting other schools within the Trust. I look forward to working with all our new families next year and seeing most of you back in September. I wish you all a lovely, relaxing break with your families, let's hope the weather continues to be kind to us!

Louise Dollery

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

I will take the opportunity of the final newsletter to offer my thanks for your support over the last academic year. It has been a very busy year for Elston Hall Multi-Academy Trust, including the addition of Goldthorn Park back in November; we now have nearly 1600 children in our schools. What continues to be most important however is the desire to ensure every one of our children from all our schools receives the very best opportunity not only to ensure progress in their learning but also to grow and develop under the shared ethos that we feel is a core strength of the Trust.

Our overriding aim is always to build upon the strengths of individual schools, sharing these positives to create an ethos of learning ... 'A Partnership for Achievement' I would like to personally thank the excellent staff we have in our Trust Schools and also to families for their support over the year. I particularly would like to thank our children who have worked so hard to achieve their best in all areas of school.

We send best wishes to staff who are leaving the Trust but of course our thoughts and good wishes go to our Year 6 children who are leaving to join their new secondary schools in September, they have done us proud.

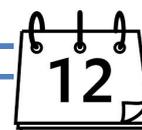
Finally I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday with your families and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Kevin Grayson

Dates

As always please check the back of this newsletter for dates next year. Even at this early stage we are able to tell Year 5 parents (Year 6 next year) that their residential to Laches Wood has been booked for 10th - 12th July 2019. Details will be sent out during the autumn term.

A reminder that the Monday and Tuesday during the first week back in September are INSET days, so children return to school on Wednesday 5th September.



| Date and Time | Event | Year Group |
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| Monday 3 rd & Tuesday 4 th September – INSET Days, School closed to children | | |
| Wednesday 5 th September 2018 – Children Return to School | | |
| Wednesday 5 th September | Reception intake A in until 1pm | New Reception for Sept 18 |
| Thursday 6 th September | Reception intake B in until 1pm | New Reception for Sept 18 |
| Friday 7 th September | All new Reception intake in until 1pm | New Reception for Sept 18 |
| Monday 22 nd October | Individual School Photos | Whole School |
| Tuesday 23 rd October | Trip to Think Tank | Year 1 |
| Monday 29 th October – Friday 2 nd November – Half Term | | |
| Friday 7 th December | Trip to Theatre | Year 6 |
| Friday 21 st December – Break up for Christmas | | |
| Monday 7 th January – Children return to school | | |



Check out the website for this week's experiment - An indestructible sandwich bag!

Science Fact - Most of the dust in your home is actually dead skin! Yuck!

School Games

We are pleased to inform you that Elston Hall has achieved the Gold Award in the School Games 2017/18. This is a government led award scheme which rewards schools for their commitment to the development of competition across school and the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success!

Attendance this week

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| Reception - 95.2% | Year 1 - 96.3% | Year 2 - 96.5% | Year 3 - 96.8% |
| Year 4 - 96.3% | Year 5 - 97.2% | Year 6 - 96.6% | Whole school - 96.6% |

Highlights of our Year!

* Pupils, including others from across Trust working together to create an astounding dance which was showcased to schools and dignitaries across the city at the Civic Hall as part of the Diversity performance

* Nursery's Pirate topic which gave way to some fantastic learning

* Seeing the children in Year 4 'be children' as they explored Conwy but maintained their exceptional manners and behaviour

* Winning the City League in Football

* Year 5 visit to Woodlands and the cooking sessions at Aldersley High School

* Year 1 performing in the year group assemblies, the Christmas performance, Mother's Day assembly and the Creative Day assembly.

* Achieving Gold award for School Games

* Year 3's Stone Age Day in the Autumn term at Cannock Chase

* Taking part and coming second overall in the Cross Country City Finals

* Year 2's residential to Kingswood

* Whole school Science day and week