



ELSTON HALL
Primary School

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Issue 4- Friday 20th October 2017

Elston Hall News



As we break up today for half term we would like to thank families for your support this half of term. The children have been working hard and deserve this next week's break. Thank you also for ensuring your children are following our uniform policy and looking smart (although we are still seeing some girls with oversized hair bows which we would discourage please).

Most year groups have had or will have a trip this term. so far Year 5 have been to Moseley Old Hall and Year 1 to Think Tank. During the second half of the term Year 2 will be visiting the Black Country Living Museum, Year 3 will visit Birches Valley, Year 4 Tamworth Castle and Year 6 are off to the Grand Theatre at Christmas. Dates of these trips can be found on the reverse of this newsletter. Also this term so far various children have taken part in a cricket competition at NEW Academy and also Cross Country at Aldersley, both events were very much enjoyed!

We hope families have a good half term break!

Parental Engagement

Our Parent consultations this term were very successful, 86% of you attended - thank you! Our teachers look forward to meeting you and having this valuable opportunity to update you on your child's progress.

On the subject of parental engagement, thank you again for returning your NI Numbers, as we have previously mentioned this is a great help in securing additional funding. The winners of the prize draw have been notified, Libby Ireson Class 1 and Aimee Box Class 19 - congratulations!

Attendance

Overall attendance so far this term is 96.7% - Great!

What's Coming Up....

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – Half term
Monday 30th October – INSET day, school closed to children
Monday 30th October – Nursery Parents Consultations
Thursday 2nd November 4.00 – 5.00pm – Reception open evening (for prospective parents)
Wednesday 8th November – Year 4 trip to Tamworth Castle
Friday 10th November – Year 2 to Black Country Living Museum

Term Dates

A reminder that Monday 30th October is INSET Day, children return from half term on Tuesday 31st October 2017.

A full list of dates as ever is included on the reverse of this newsletter.

Winter Warmers!

Please ensure your child has a coat when they come to school. As we move further towards winter, children may come to school in boots or wellies, but they must have a pair of school shoes to change into once at school. As with all items of clothing and belongings, please make sure their shoes / boots / wellies are labelled.

Dropping off and collecting children

Please can we remind parents and carers that the school day begins and registers close at 8.55 am. If your child comes in after this time they will need to go to the late room and receive a late mark.

Please also be advised that with the exception of guide dogs, under no circumstances are dogs to be brought onto the school grounds at any time. This includes when you are collecting children from after school clubs. Thank you!

School Council

School Councillors - Years 3 - 6

We are looking forward to receiving manifesto's and posters from aspiring School Councillors after half term and hearing your manifesto's.



Poppy Appeal

After half term we will be selling poppies and other related merchandise to raise money for the Royal British Legion. The British Legion will accept old pound coins as donations!

Events calendar for the academic year 2017/2018

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

- Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – Half term
- Monday 30th October – INSET day, school closed to children
- Monday 30th October – Nursery Parents Consultations
- Thursday 2nd November 4.00 – 5.00pm – Reception open evening (for prospective parents)
- Thursday 2nd November – Year 3 trip to Birches Valley
- Wednesday 8th November – Year 4 trip to Tamworth Castle
- Friday 10th November – Year 2 to Black Country Living Museum
- Wednesday 13th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance 9.30 am and 6.30 pm
- Thursday 14th December - Nursery Christmas performance 9.30 am and 1.15 pm
- Thursday 14th December – Reception Christmas performance 10.30 am and 2.15 pm
- Friday 15th December – Year 6 trip to Grand Theatre
- Friday 15th December – Year 1 Christmas performance 9.30 am and 1.00 pm
- Friday 15th December – Year 2 Christmas performance 10.45 am and 2.15 pm
- Tuesday 19th December – Nursery Christmas party day 9.45-11.45am and 1.30 – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 19th December – Nursery Children break up for Christmas
- Tuesday 19th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance 9.30 am and 6.30 pm
- Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Party Day and children break up for Christmas (Nursery Closed)
- Thursday 21st December – Monday 1st January - Christmas holiday
- Tuesday 2nd January – INSET day, school closed to children
- Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Children return to school
- Wednesday 14th February 2018 – Year 5 Trip to Cosford
- 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.