



ELSTON HALL
Primary School

SUMMER TERM 2018

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Elston Hall News



Update from the Headteacher

What a scorcher it's been this week - with the hot weather continuing please can you ensure your child has a water bottle and a sun hat in school and that they have sun cream on!

We really enjoyed our recent sports days and the children all did really well in their events. The weather was very kind to us and we trust you found these days worthwhile. Book Fair this year again was a success and we managed to raise just over £1000 in commission which will be used to supplement our reading resources across the school. We must also say a big well done to our school Councillors who helped raised almost £700 during the recent cupcake day. This money will support Alzheimers Society.

Thank you to parents who are taking the effort to park and stride or encouraging children to walk to school, the children are keen to earn their badges!

Next week Year 2 will be going on their residential visit to Kingswood - remember to check the website for their Blog which will be regularly updated. Could we remind Year 2 parents that children will need a packed lunch on the day they leave. The school can provide this if your child normally has a school dinner.

Thank you for your continued support!

Louise Dollery

Attendance this week

Reception - 95.4%	Year 1 - 96.5%
Year 2 - 96.6%	Year 3 - 96.8%
Year 4 - 96.5%	Year 5 - 97.2%
Year 6 - 96.8%	Whole school - 96.6%

Term Dates

Friday 20th July - Break up for the summer holidays
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September - INSET Days
Children return on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

What's Coming Up...

WB Monday 2nd July – Year 2 Residential to Kingswood
Monday 2nd July - Sing for Summer Concert at St John's
6th, 9th & 16th July - Robotics Days for Year 6
Wednesday 11th July 4.30 - 6 pm - Parents evening drop in
Thursday 12th July - Last day of Nursery
Friday 13th July 9.15 am and 2 pm Nursery Graduation
Friday 13th July - Creative Day

Science progress / end of year reports

This year, as a school, we made the decision to review and focus on the science curriculum we deliver. As you are aware we have developed a number of new initiatives to raise the profile of science within school such as competitions, bi-weekly science questions, improving the science area on the website etc. A key part of this, was looking at our assessment systems for science. Leaders and staff have been working closely to develop a system which measures the children's understanding of scientific enquiry rather than based on their knowledge of the science 'topic's' as this will ensure that we have a more informative process to help us plan for key gaps in pupil's skills each year.

As a result of these changes, when you receive your child's school report, it may appear that your children are working at a lower attainment level than in reading, writing and maths. Please don't be concerned by this we are just ensuring that we have a really accurate starting point for your children and as always our expectations for the progress they will make still remains extremely high.

Your child's end of Year reports will be coming out to you on 6th July and Teachers will be available on 11th July 4.30 - 6.00 pm should there be anything you wish to discuss having read your child's report.

Parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 will also receive separate information about their child's statutory assessments. The internal teacher assessments that children have received in other year groups can then form the basis of discussion for our Autumn Consultation Evening.

Pre-loved games wanted!

Our Breakfast and After School Club would welcome any used Board Games which are in good condition. Many thanks!



Butterflies taste food by standing on top of it! Their taste receptors are in their feet unlike humans who have most on their tongue.

Check the website for this week's experiment - Milkstastic Fun!

Date and Time	Event	Year Group
Week Beginning Monday 2nd July	Residential to Kingswood	Year 2
Monday 2 nd July	Sing for Summer Concert at St John's	Choir
6 th , 9 th & 16 th July	Robotics Days	Year 6
Monday 9 th July	Nursery Parents consultations / Nursery closed	Nursery
Wednesday 11th July 4.30 - 6.00 pm	Parents evening (drop in)	Whole School
Thursday 12 th July	Last day of Nursery	Nursery
Friday 13 th July details to follow	Nursery Graduation	Nursery leavers
Friday 13 th July	Creative Day	Whole School
Week beginning 16 th July	Nursery Closed all week for new intake meetings	Nursery
Monday 16 th July	Meet the teacher morning	Whole school
Wednesday 18 th July 9.30 am and 6.30 pm	Leavers Assemblies	Year 6
Thursday 19 th July	Year 6 Fun Day	Year 6
Thursday 19 th July 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm	Leavers disco	Year 6
Friday 20 th July – Children Break up for summer		
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 29 th October – Friday 2 nd November – Half Term		
Friday 21 st December – Break up for Christmas		
Monday 7 th January – Children return to school		