



Article 17 - Children have the right to information & to speak out/be heard.

ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Newsletter – May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are already at the end of the half term! Next half term will be a very busy one. Please see the diary dates below, so you know exactly when events are happening.

Road Safety

Unfortunately, another one of our pupils has been involved in an accident, he was hit by a car running across the road. This has been the fourth child in the past 18 months that has been hit by a car. The accident happened while the child was with their parents. The school will respond by reminding children of the road safety rules. We are also asking you at this time, to hold your child's hand when crossing the road especially during the half term break.

Phonic Checks and SATS

Currently, many children and families across the country are talking about SATS. For infant children, the SATS tests are no longer statutory. So, schools can decide that Year 2 do not have to take these tests. There is no requirement for the results of the tests to be sent to the local authority or the DfE. However, this year Elmwood Infants has chosen to do the tests, but under more relaxed conditions. The tests will only form part of our end of year assessment information for our Year 2 pupils. Teacher assessment has always been viewed as more valuable than testing as it gives a more rounded assessment of your children as learners. The Phonic Checks for Year 1 and some Year 2 children is still statutory and will take place in June. To support you children to do their best, your teachers might be giving you additional phonics homework to do ahead of the tests or to invite you in for a meeting to give you more information on the phonic check.

Attendance Update

Our school attendance has been affected by a spate of chickenpox which has spread across the school recently.

Catching infectious diseases is part of early childhood for most of us unfortunately. The NHS advice is if you see a pox appear on your child's face or body and they present with a fever or flu-like symptoms, it is likely to be chickenpox. If this is the case, then please keep your child at home until all the pox marks have dried and have scabbed over. This is an indication that your child is no longer infectious.

If you would like more information, please read the links below.

[Rashes in babies and children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[South West London Healthier Together Homepage \(swlondon-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](https://swlondon-healthiertogether.nhs.uk)

May's Book Recommendation

This month's book recommendation is from the Mr Men and Little Miss story selection by Roger Hargreaves.

The title is Mr Men at Christmas. This book has been recommended by Ayra in Year 1.

I like it because it is funny and it has snow. I like it because the snowman is funny and gives gifts. I like it because the snowman melts and I like the crocodile.

MR. SNOW
By Roger Hargreaves



What is your favourite Mr Men or Little Miss book?

Friends of Elmwood News

There will be two Movie Nights for Year 2 on Monday 10th June and Tuesday 11th June to raise money for the Year 2 End of Year Celebration trip.

The cost of the Movie Night is £5 per child. This term's film will be Encanto.

Monday 10th June will be for Owls and Ducks classes.

Tuesday 11th June will be for Macaws and Penguins classes.

Key Dates:

Friday 24th May – Last day of the Half Term

Monday 3rd June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th June – Children return to School

Sports Week

Tuesday 25th June – Year 1

Wednesday 26th June – Reception

Thursday 27th June – Nursery

Friday 28th June- Year 2

Thursday 27th June – International Clothes Day – Children to bring in a teddy or soft toy for the teddy bear tombola

Friday 5th July- Reports out to Parents

Saturday 6th July- Summer Fair

24th July – End of Year (1:30pm finish)

Show Racism the Red Card Competition

We are pleased to announce that Elmwood Infant School has won a prize for our entry to the Show Racism the Red Card competition. The entry winners have been invited to a celebration event in Wolverhampton on 4th July 2024.

Welcome Maya!

Elmwood Infant School would like to welcome Maya to our staff team. Maya Mohanan will be working in the school office following Mrs Thompson's departure last week. Maya has a great deal of experience in customer care and will be a valued addition to our Elmwood Infant family! Mrs Icton will now be helping to manage our attendance.

Have a safe and happy

Half Term Break

See you on Tuesday 4th