



Welcome to Year Four

Miss Mills and Mrs Durrant

Communication

- It is vital that we are in contact to ensure children are progressing and happy. Please inform us if you feel there are any emotional or physical circumstances that may affect your child.
- Ways to contact us:
 - 1) By phone – the office will be able to put you through or arrange for us to call you.
 - 2) In the morning and after school in the playground.
 - 3) Note in your child's homework diary (these are checked weekly.)
- We are aiming to cut back on the excess paper used in school. If you have access to email it would be helpful if we could email letters to you.
- School website is useful for keeping up to date with events.
<http://www.elmridge.trafford.sch.uk/>

Independence

- In Year 4, children are encouraged to be more independent.
- Where possible, they should be responsible for ensuring they are equipped for the school day.
- Children are also encouraged to be independent in their approach to school work and their learning.

Reading

Over the next year we want to continue to raise the profile of reading and hopefully share a love and enjoyment of reading that will engage and motivate our children.

- Each child will have a small group guided reading session weekly with Miss Mills.
- Reading independently for enjoyment.
- Every class will have a weekly library session and story time.
- Early bird reading will also be continuing across school. At 8:30 on Friday morning, children will be invited into their classrooms to read before the school day begins. The doors will be locked at 8:35am.

Reading book software

- As with library books, home reading books are now also part of our electronic library system.
- Books will scanned in and out using the pupils' accounts.
- We are keen to encourage our pupils to be responsible for books borrowed, read them regularly and look after them.
- Unfortunately, the school is not in a position to replace lost library and home reading books.

Reading Expectations

- Children are expected to read at least twice every week and record this in their reading diaries.
- When a book is finished the children are asked to write a comment about what they enjoyed or found interesting, explaining why. If they didn't enjoy the book, to also write a comment about why.
- Children need to ensure they are reading a range of genres. If they are finding a level easy and progressing through the books they will be assessed for the next stage.
- Children are welcome to read a book from home once a half term in preference of one from the reading scheme.

Homework Timetable

- Reading twice weekly as a minimum.
- Mon: English (spellings and a task) **Due Thursday**
- Tue: Science **Due Friday**
- Wed: Maths **Due Monday**
- 3 pieces of missing homework will result in a letter sent home and will be recorded in the warning book. Any missing work will be noted in homework diaries.
- Children are required to record homework within their diary every week.
- Homework diaries will be signed by Miss Mills each week. Parents are also asked to sign the diary weekly. I often record issues or news here so please encourage children to keep their diaries up to date and to share them with you.
- If your child needed your help to complete a particular task – please let me know by writing HG next to the activity. Or we are happy to help if they see us before their homework is due.

Presentation at Elmridge

- Pencil for Maths and English.
- Each piece of work should have the date and title and both should be underlined with a ruler.
- Handwriting should be joined.
- Children may use a pen from home when given a license.
(Blue ink pens)
- Children should be encouraged to check their work once it has been completed.
- Children are also encouraged to respond to any feedback given.

Physical Education

- Children will require a games kit and a PE kit in the school colours.
- Yellow t-shirt, green shorts, green jog pants or a green skirt and outdoor trainers / indoor pumps.
- Outdoor games is on Tuesday and football coaching is on Wednesday. However, it is useful to have kit in school on all days in case of changes or special events.
- If children forget their kit on more than 3 occasions in a half term, their names will be recorded in the warning book and a letter will be sent home.
- If children are unable to participate in PE sessions, a letter from home is required.
- Tights must not be worn for PE.
- Jewellery must be removed and the school cannot take responsibility for its safe keeping.

Uniform Reminders

- For boys- A white shirt, an Elmridge green and yellow tie, an Elmridge jumper, grey trousers and black shoes (not trainers or boots.)
- For girls- A white blouse, an Elmridge green and yellow tie, an Elmridge cardigan or jumper, a grey skirt or pinafore, dark green, black or grey tights and black shoes (not boots).
- No nail varnish.
- Longer hair to be tied back.
- Small studs
- Water bottle.
- Please can all items be labelled clearly.
- Summer uniform is permitted until October half term.

School uniform and haircuts

Elmridge has a school uniform policy which also refers to hairstyles and jewellery. Please note:

Hairstyles

- Hairstyles should be appropriate for a school setting. No artificial colour/bleach or temporary extensions/braiding or shaved partings or designs are permitted. Hair styles should avoid extremes of length (e.g. grade 1) including on the sides/back with the hair left longer on top. Long hair should be tied back

Jewellery

- As a general rule, the school does not expect children to wear jewellery. A small number of exceptions are permitted:
- Only one small single stud earring in each ear is allowed.(this must be covered up or removed when the pupils are doing PE or games)
- Wristwatches may be worn
- Medic alert bracelets and necklaces may be worn and need to be visible.

Please can you ensure that all school uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Parking and after school clubs

- Wilton Drive and High Elm Drive are no parking zones for parents dropping off or picking up pupils from school.
- Please avoid parking close to street corners.
- The school car park should only be used by staff, delivery drivers and disabled drivers at peak times.
- Parents are asked not to use the school car park when picking up pupils from after school clubs.

Assessment in Year 4

- On-going assessment within all areas of the curriculum.
- Formal testing in May, will focus upon:
 - Reading
 - Spelling, grammar and punctuation
 - Maths

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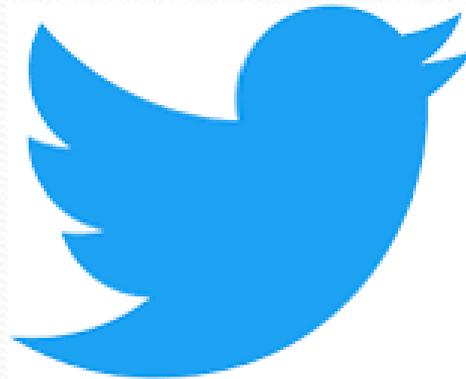
Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals 'Universal Free School Meal'
- From Year 3 onwards a free school meal is income-related
- All children from Reception to Year 6 may be eligible for a free school meal
- Receipt of free school meal results in school receiving pupil premium funding of £1300 per pupil per year, the money must contribute to 'raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils & closing the gap with peers'
- Pupil Premium funding still needs to be claimed even if your child is receiving the Universal Infant Free School Meal in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 classes
- To apply you will need to share your National Insurance details with school. This can be used by school to check whether your child is eligible for the pupil premium funding
- School must have written permission from parents to use their information
- Check with the school office if you feel you may be eligible

Key Stage Fund

- We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have made a contribution to our Key Stage 2 Fund in previous years.
- As a Key Stage we really do appreciate your kindness and we put a great deal of thought into how to spend the money in order to achieve the maximum impact for your children.
- At Elmridge we pride ourselves on our high quality learning opportunities that meet both the needs and interests of the children. These activities often rely heavily on practical resources. The fund also helps to provide additional resources and materials for developing the children's creative side.
- We ask parents to make a contribution of £5 per half term to help to contribute to these resources. Some parents have found it more convenient to make a one-off payment of £30 for the whole school year, as a school year is made up of 6 half-terms. This donation can be made via your ParentPay account. If you are unable to pay by ParentPay then donations can be made in cash, or by cheque made payable to 'Elmridge Primary'.

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Any questions...