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THE ELMRIDGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM A 2020 NEWSLETTER

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A message from Mr Edmundson

The holiday is fast approaching and I can't believe that we have almost completed half a term of school already.

Despite the school being affected by a small number of positive cases in the last day or two, the community has done extremely well to reach this point without any disruption to face to face teaching. The pupils have settled back into the school routine very quickly and have gained massive benefits academically and socially from being in school after such a long absence. During the last month, whilst the rising Covid rates have been causing anxiety and concern, school life and your fantastic children have provided a welcome distraction and a positive focus for everybody's efforts and attention.

School has a different feel with staggered drop-offs, pick-ups, break times and lunchtimes. At the same time, many aspects have remained the same or have been tweaked to work effectively in this new environment. Good News Assembly is now done remotely, Bubble Buddies are supporting their peers and we are even bringing back extra-curricular activities- just one a night, with limited numbers.

We are all adapting, adjusting and thinking creatively to find a way of making the best of a challenging situation. I want to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff for their incredible hard work, resilience and positivity over the last few months and parents/carers for their understanding and support. I hope that you enjoy your holiday and manage to get a well-earned rest.



Parking

With more pupils now walking to school and walking home independently, it is more vital than ever for parents/carers to park safely. Please do not park (or turn cars around) on High Elm Drive or Wilton Drive. Using these the school car park without authorisation is also prohibited.

We have recently had a number of complaints about the parking on High Elm Road. This includes drivers blocking driveways whilst waiting in cars. We value greatly our relationship with the local community and would appreciate your support in parking considerately.

Parents Evening

This term, we will be holding Parents Evening via telephone contact with parents.

If you have changed your phone number in the last 12 months and not yet advised us, please contact the office to ensure our records are up to date.

After half term, we will set up the Parents Evening booking system via ParentMail for parents/carers to book a telephone appointment with the class teacher.

The dates are below and you will be able to book a 10 minute slot from 3.20pm to 6.50pm:-

N, R & Y1	Mon 16th & Thu 19 th November
Y2, Y3 & Y4	Tue 17 th & Mon 23 rd November
Y5 & Y6	Wed 18 th & Tue 24 th November



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Clubs

Mr Whitham will again be running his Sports Camp over the October half term. Information has already been sent out via ParentMail. Please book in advance.

Some of our After School Clubs will be available after the October half term. Please ensure that you complete the form via ParentMail to enable us to confirm a place.

Due to current restrictions, the clubs have a lower limit than normal and therefore the places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Our Breakfast Club has a steady stream of pupils now attending. Bookings can be made and paid via your ParentPay account.

PTA



We can't run our popular PTA Halloween Disco this year, but have the following activities to help our children celebrate:

- Halloween costume own clothes day—Friday 23rd October—£1 (no accessories please, masks are fine as long as they aren't scary)
- Spooky Handwriting Competition - £1
- Best Pumpkin Competition — £1

Pay via Parentpay and please email your competition entries by Friday 6th Nov to elmridgepta@gmail.com; with a picture of you with your creation, name and class.

Prizes for the best in each year group!

Wishing you & your families a spooky Halloween



Flu Vaccination

Details of how to opt in/out of the school flu nasal vaccination have been sent via email. Please follow the link and complete by Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

<https://www.nhs.uk/FLU/information?Id=138654&Type=FLU>

Half Term Activities

If you need some inspiration to keep your children busy over the half term, you might want to try:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>

https://www.google.com/search?q=national+trust+things+to+do+before+11&rlz=1C1GCEV_enGB866GB866&oq=national+trust+thing&ags=chrome.2.0i457j69i57j0l3.6801j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&scrllybrkr=3b1156a4

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/services-for-schools/mental-health-resources-for-schools/coronavirus-wellbeing-activity-ideas-for-schools/>

<https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-wellbeing-activities-for-teaching-staff-and-families.html>

<https://medium.com/pobble/simple-and-fun-non-screen-activities-that-children-can-do-at-home-115543cb3b9c>

Diary Dates

October

Friday 23rd PTA Halloween Dress Up Day. Please see ParentMail for further information

School Closes for Half Term

November

Mon 2nd School Re-opens

Monday 16th Parents Evening Week 1

To Thursday 19th

Thursday 19th Flu Vaccination (Rec – Y6)

Friday 20th PTA Virtual Quiz Night – details via ParentMail

Monday 23rd Parent Evening Week 2

to Tuesday 24th

Together we will
Challenge the ordinary
Promote individuality
Be advocates for change

