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## Newsletter Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

### Extreme Weather/School Closure

Please be assured that every effort is made to keep the Academy open. However, there are exceptional circumstances where the safety of your child/children is the primary concern. At such times a decision is made on whether it is safe or practical to open the school to our pupils. For example, when the journey to school is dangerous due to weather conditions such as heavy snow or when teaching staff, who travel some distance to reach school, are obliged to abandon their journey due to unsafe weather conditions. At such times school closure may be considered the safest option.

If a decision is made to close the Academy a text alert will be sent as soon as possible informing you of the closure. Information will also be posted on the front page of the Elm Academy website: [www.elm-academy.org.uk](http://www.elm-academy.org.uk)

### Author Visit

The children really enjoyed the visit by local author Chris Connaughton. Chris was very impressed with the children's behaviour, concentration and the excellent, thought-provoking questions they asked. Chris read extracts from his latest book, 'The Essence Hunters' which hooked in many of the children. Should you wish to purchase a copy we will be placing an order at the end of the month. The book costs £6.99. Please send cash in a named envelope by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### NSPCC Number Day

The children looked fabulous last Friday dressed up for Numbers Day. We are delighted to send £431.45 to the NSPCC from donations made. You may have seen some of the children in The Bournemouth Daily Echo earlier this week.

### Parents Evening

Thank you to all the Parents that were able to join us for Parents Evening. We would be pleased to receive any further completed surveys which can be sent in with the children or delivered to the main office.

### Pen Licences

Congratulations to Amanda, Benjamin, Riley, Kian and Liana who have recently received their pen licences.

### Pantomime

This will be performed to parents on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Further details are available on Parentpay.

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### **Parking**

Please consider the safety of our children when dropping off and collecting your children at school. It is an offence to park on the zigzags, causing obstruction. We are currently working in conjunction with Dorset Police to make improvements.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and, as always, we are expecting to see the children arrive at school in their fabulous book-inspired costumes. There will be prizes for best boy and best girl in each year group. This is a day where we really celebrate the wonderful world of stories and all things book-related.

This year we will be repeating the Extreme Reading Competition where children are asked to take photographs of themselves reading in weird and wonderful places. We must ensure that safety is paramount and so all photographs must be taken by an adult – no selfies please. Please send in your photographs by 02/03/20. In addition, there will be many fun activities for the children to enjoy throughout the day including a visit from AFC Bournemouth players, and we will be distributing the World Book Day vouchers.

We will be having a Book Fair on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March where children can purchase books at value prices from The Book People – more details to follow.

### **100% Attendance**

Congratulations to 2KW, 2JK and 4DE who achieved 100% attendance during week ending 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Very best wishes

Mrs Fish  
**Principal**

## **Important Dates for the Diary:**

### **Spring Term**

Pantomime  
World Book Day  
Half term  
Pupil's last day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

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