

Newsletter Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Well done to our Reception children who are now in school full time and have had a great first full week. A super well done to our Year 4 children who went swimming and to the library on Wednesday and were exceptionally well behaved. Members of the general public commented on their fantastic behaviour.

We were very excited to have a range of after school clubs start this week which included netball, football, arts and crafts, film, tag rugby, gymnastics, choir, etc.

We will continue to monitor arrangements for the start and end of the day. The start of the day is from 8.45 am until 8.55 am allowing a ten minute time slot for you to drop off and to reduce any queuing at the gates.

Parking/Dropping off

Please do not, **at any time**, stop or park on either the zigzag lines outside the school gates or on the double yellow lines. A number of parents have been seen stopping on the yellow lines to drop off their children. We ask parents not to park across the school gates when dropping children at Breakfast Club. For the safety of our children we will continue to work with the local police, who will issue fines if necessary.

Flu Immunisation Programme

This will take place in school on 5th November 2021. Letters will be sent shortly. This is the flu immunisation only, we are not currently aware of any plans to administer the Covid vaccination to primary school children.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

These are available and can be booked via ParentPay. Any queries should now be sent to bookings@elm-academy.org.uk or via the main school office – 01202 574212.

Diwali Day

On Thursday 4th November 2021 we will be celebrating Diwali across the school to develop our pupil's understanding of celebrations around the world. Children are invited to come into school dressed in bright colours or in more traditional clothing for a Diwali celebration if you have it. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

Reception Photographs

Fraser Portraits will visit on Tuesday 28th September 2021 to take photographs of our new Reception children who should ensure they are in full school uniform. Fraser Portraits will return on Friday 26th November 2021 to take photographs of Years 1-6 and sibling photographs.

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Medication

If your child needs to take any medication during the school day this must be handed to the main school office and the necessary paperwork completed. Children MUST NOT have this in their school bag.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Edwards and Miss Conway, now Mrs Edwards, who were married earlier today. We are looking forward to seeing their photos and send them both our best wishes for their future together.

Supporting Macmillan

On Friday 15th October children are invited to come into school in mufti, which should include wearing something green, in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. If the children would like to bring in a voluntary donation we will ensure this is forwarded to the charity.

School Lunches

All school lunch orders must be placed via ParentPay even if your child is entitled to a free school meal. If you have not ordered and/or have missed the ParentPay deadline, please ensure you supply your child with a packed lunch each day. As lunches are prepared off site, we are only supplied with enough meals to cover orders that have been placed on ParentPay.

Starting School

If your child is due to start school or transfer to a secondary school in September 2022 you will need to apply for your child's place before:

31st October 2021 (for secondary schools)

15th January 2022 (for reception applications)

For more information and to apply: www.bit.ly/BCPcouncilSchoolAdmissions

Covid

Any child who is showing any COVID 19 symptoms should refrain from attending school until either a negative PCR test (not lateral flow test) result is received or until isolation guidance has been completed. Should your child display symptoms whilst in school, you will be contacted and asked to collect them and to organise PCR testing. We ask that families do all they can to prevent the spread of the virus, by abiding by latest government guidance, getting tested if showing symptoms and self-isolating if necessary.

In order to protect our vulnerable children and families we appreciate you keeping us informed of positive cases within your household and/or when you are arranging PCR tests.

Any absence should be reported to the main office by either email elm@elm-academy.org.uk or by telephoning 01202 574212 and selecting Option 1.

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Kind regards,



Mrs Fish
Principal

Please note our new email address: elm@elm-academy.org.uk

Important Dates for the Diary:

Autumn Term

Reception Photographs	Tuesday 28 th September 2021
Year 6 trips to Bovington	28 th /30 th Sept and 01/10/21
Macmillan Cancer Support "Wear green"	Friday 15 th October 2021
Science Dome, Year 5	Monday 18 th October 2021
Parents Evening	Tuesday 19 th October 2021
Author visit for Year 4 and 5	Thursday 21 st October 2021
Fire Brigade visit, Year 2	Thursday 21 st October 2021
School Discos	Thursday 21 st October 2021
Half term	Monday 25 th October–Friday 29 th October 2021
Diwali celebrations	Thursday 4 th November 2021
Flu Immunisations	Friday 5 th November 2021
Years 1-6 Photographs (and Siblings)	Friday 26 th November 2021

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