**Newsletter Friday 16th October 2020**

Dear Parent/Carers,

**Space Week**

Last Friday the children enjoying a range of activities linked to National Space Week. There were some fantastic costumes too!

**Walk to School**

Congratulations to all the children who earned badges for walking to school during “Walk to School Week” and special congratulations to Mr Wadlow who ran to school from Ringwood and Mr Carden who walked all the way from Southbourne.

**Halloween Mufti**

On Friday 23rd October 2020 children can come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes for a £1 donation. Please do not send in any props ie swords, guns, etc.

**Half Term**

Children will finish for half term on Friday 23rd October 2020 and return to school on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

**Mini Ambers Holiday Club** will take place during half term for children aged 6 – 12 years. Please contact[bookings-miniambers@aat.education](mailto:bookings-miniambers@aat.education) for more information.

**School Lunches**

We are pleased to tell you that, after half term, we will revert to hot school meals. A new menu will be published later today ready for you to place your orders. If you have ordered already for after half term, please re-order based on the new menu. For children to receive a hot meal you must order via Parentpay, even if your child is entitled to a free school meal. If you are unable to place orders, please contact the main office or provide your child with a packed lunch each day.

**Flu Immunisation Programme**

Letters were sent out about this earlier this week. This will take place on Thursday 5th November 2020. Please ensure you sign up <https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-child-fluimms> using Unique Session Code: 8mkjcd

The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine. The nursing team will be wearing uniforms and personal protective equipment (PPE) for the immunisation session as per the guidelines from Public Health England. For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

**Raring2go**

This magazine contains useful information for parents, and information to help keep everyone healthy both physically and mentally. Unfortunately we are unable to send out a printed version at present so have included the link to the digital version

[**https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bournemouth/summer/**](https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bournemouth/summer/)

**Covid-19**

It is important, as ever, that we all remain vigilant to the symptoms of Covid-19 even though the risk to young people is very small. There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of getting ill with Covid-19:

· wash our hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;

· use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;

· wash our hands as soon as we get home;

· cover our mouth and nose with a tissue or our sleeve (not our hands) when we cough or sneeze; · put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash our hands afterwards

**Porta cabin**

Please ensure your children do not play on the ramp leading into the porta cabin as this is unsafe.

**Safeguarding**

If you have any safeguarding concerns these should be sent to: [**safeguarding.elm@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk**](mailto:safeguarding.elm@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk)rather than to the main school email address.

**Retirement**

Finally, we are so sad that Mrs Cooper has decided to retire after over 30 years here at Elm Academy. She has had various roles throughout her time here and has supported many children and their families during their time at the school. We wish her a healthy, happy and long retirement and hope that she will keep in contact with us and join us at future events.

Kind regards,



Mrs Fish

**Principal**

**Important Dates for the Diary:**

**Autumn Term**

Halloween Mufti Friday 23rd October 2020

Half term Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020

Inset Day Monday 2nd November 2020

Flu Immunisations Thursday 5th November 2020

Pupil’s last day Friday 18th December 2020