



ELTHAM
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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter – Summer Term 1

Week 2 #15

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We're already two weeks into the Summer Term and your children have thrown themselves into their learning once again! Year 4 visited the Science Museum yesterday. Many thanks to those parents/carers who gave up their time to accompany them.

Our value this term is '**Resilience**'. We especially think about this value now as we are in a period where the children will need their resilience for much of the challenges they face in their learning. In collective worship, we have been thinking about people in the Bible who showed RESILIENCE and were reminded that we too should **NEVER GIVE UP!**

Many thanks to all parents/carers who helped out with Year 3 Food Technology this week. I hope you enjoyed making the flapjack – I got to taste it and it was wonderful! I hear all the children have perfected their washing up skills so that they can be very helpful at home too!

Many thanks to the PTA for the fantastic quiz night last night. It was so good to see so many of you together. Congratulations to the winning team! Special thanks to Imogen (Mum of Theo and Rafe) for being the quizmaster – we learnt lots about Australian wildlife along the way! Look out for the next Quiz night – it was really good fun!

Uniform – As the weather gets warmer, (soon please!) children should start to move over to the Summer Uniform. We will continue to keep a close eye on school uniform over the coming weeks and, again, we will be asking **ALL** families to adhere to the policy. I've included the Summer uniform policy below. Here are some reminders of what the policy says:

- Jewellery should not be worn to school. Flat stud ear-rings can be worn but not on PE days.
- Hair accessories should be kept simple and should ideally be in the school colours please.
- Trainers (black please!) can be worn on PE days. Otherwise school shoes should be black, brown or navy.

The gate opens at 8:30am for Nursery children only. Please do not enter the school until Mr Curtis opens the gate at 8:45am. If you are dropping your children, please stay with them until the school doors open at 8:50am.

Wishing you all the very best of weekends with rest and time doing what you enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday ready for more learning.

Very best wishes
Matt Wills
Headteacher

Psalm 34:8

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!”

Dates for your diary

Key Stage 2 SATs week – 13-17 May

Summer Fair – Saturday 29th June

International Week – 1-5 July - watch this space for details of events!

Last day of Term Tuesday 23rd July 1:30pm finish

Summer Uniform (year groups 1-6)

Boys	Girls
Grey shorts White school polo shirt School sweatshirt or maroon V-neck pullover Grey socks	Summer dresses with sleeves covering the upper arm and covering up to the neck at the front and back White school polo shirt with a grey skirt or in summer dress material Plain white socks

Summer Uniform

Reception

White school polo shirt
Grey tailored shorts
School sweatshirt or cardigan
OR
School dress (with shorts underneath)
School sweatshirt or cardigan
Black school shoes/trainers
Waterproof coat with a hood

PLEASE ENSURE **ALL** UNIFORM IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS

Footwear and coats

Lightweight coat or anorak with hood
Black, brown or navy shoes or sandals (suitable for playground use). 'Hi' shoes which come up to the ankle may be worn
No boots which extend above the ankle
No sling backs or open toes
No significant/highly visible branding/logos
Laced shoes when a child can dress independently
Boots maybe worn to and from school in snowy/icy weather provided school shoes are sent in for changing

PE kit

Black sports shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
School maroon PE T-shirt (school sweatshirts may be worn over)
Trainers or plimsols (no significant/high visible branding/logos)
Plimsols/trainers for games or dance
NO JEWELLERY on PE days. Flat stud ear-rings can be worn on normal school days.

Book bags

School book bags must be used for children in Reception to Year 6.

This allows for the efficient access to home reading material and safe storage in class.

If children prefer to use a rucksack, the school rucksack is now available to purchase from:

JK Clothing, Well Hall Road.

Large rucksacks must not be used as they cannot be stored safely in class and are a trip hazard.