



Elements Primary School



14th April 2019

Dear Parents,
Welcome back!

I hope you have had a super two weeks break. I can hardly believe we are at the beginning of the Summer term already. We are beginning with a bang as we start with a WOW week. We think these weeks are so important for making sure our children have the opportunity to access a range of experiences to support their learning.

We are looking forward to an exciting Summer term. During the next few weeks we shall start to see our new school building arrive on site. An amazing thing for our children to witness!

Later in the term we will be holding a meeting for all of you, our current parents, to tell you about next year and what Year 1 will be like for your children. Please keep an eye out for that.

Miss S Horsbrough
Executive Principal

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

PLEASE LOG ON TO THE PARENT PORTAL TO BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT.
APPOINTMENTS WILL GO LIVE TO BOOK AT 6PM ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL.
PLEASE DO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS
TEACHER TO FIND OUT HOW THEY ARE PROGRESSING IN SCHOOL.

New Curriculum Clubs

We are changing our curriculum clubs for the Summer term.

Tuesday - Sports Club - Mrs Martin

Children will experience a range of skills needed for areas of sport.

From running short and long distance to races to team games, children will develop their gross motor skills as well as team-work.



The children will need their PE kit for the club.

Thursday - Puzzle Club - Miss Turner

Following the children's interests, Puzzle Club will be a fun way to develop skills such as hand-eye co-ordination, as well as memory development and collaboration. Children will learn to complete different puzzles ranging from jigsaws to brain teasers.



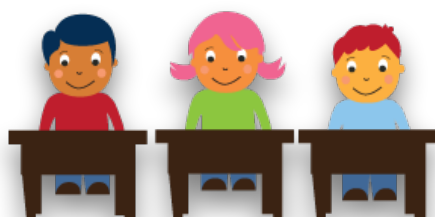
Please book places for our clubs via the parent portal.

Attendance

98.5%

Our Target

97%



#schooleveryday

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th April - WOW Week trip to MOD for pizza making

Wednesday 17th April - WOW Week trip to Temple Newsam

Friday 19th April - SCHOOL CLOSED (Bank holiday weekend)

Monday 22nd April - SCHOOL CLOSED (Bank holiday weekend)

Tuesday 23rd April - Parents' Evening (From 6pm)

Thursday 25th April - Parents' Evening (From 3.15pm)



BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN

Have you ever wanted a professional family portrait photograph?

Whitebox Photography are holding a Family Portraiture day on Saturday 11th May in school for up to 20 families.

The cost of the session is £35 and you will receive 25 images digitally included in the price. A donation will be made to school fund for each session held.

If you would like to book a slot for your family to have their portrait done please email the school office.

There are only 20 spaces available so book now to avoid disappointment!



Parent Group

Are you interested in supporting our school further?

We are looking for parents to form an official school group that will support us with events and fund raising.

If you are interested please contact the school office or speak to Karen Mates (Jake's mum) or Natasha Hobson (Alfie's mum)

Thank you!



Stars of the Week!

School Uniform

Has your child had an accident at school?

Have we lent them any items of clothing as a result?

Please could you return any items that have been borrowed as we now have nothing left in school despite replacing them twice already.

We do not want our children to feel uncomfortable in school should they have an accident and it is important they are able to stay clean and dry.

We are very happy to support our children by lending them school items of clothing but we do need them to be returned.

If you are not sure which items belong to school just check the label. Elements will be written on there if they belong to us.

Thank you so much for your cooperation with this.

Using Our Electronic School Systems

Do you have difficulty using our school systems? If so please bear the following in mind.....

1. If you have had to have a password reset this must be done straight away as the resets expire after a few days.
2. Using your mobile phone is not an ideal way to access the portals, using a computer is better.
3. We have a dedicated laptop in school for any parents to use. Please book this in at the school office
4. If, after looking at all these options you are still having difficulty please do let us know. We can book in a specific time for you to come in to school so we can look at all your log ins together.

We appreciate that only a very small number of you have issues with accessing the systems. We do however want all parents to have the same efficient way to contact school and keep their records up to date. Thank you



Reading with your child

As you know reading with your child at home is extremely important in helping them develop as a fluent readers.

Children need to be heard read every night, even if it is only for a few minutes.

If you do hear your child read then please do record what they have read and how they read so we can ensure they move on in school.

We appreciate your support with this. Please do not underestimate the impact of this extra practise on your child's reading.

Please support them by hearing them read every day.

Thank you.

Do You Know This About Free School Meals.....?

Although all our children currently do not have to pay for their school meals did you know they could benefit further if you apply for 'free school meals'? For every child who applies for 'free school meals' and is accepted their school receives extra funding to support them in school. This can be used to subsidise trips, buy resources, uniform and lots more. 'Free School Meal' eligibility helps your child far more than just giving a free meal. For each child registered for 'Free School Meals' school receives a pupil premium of approx £1300.

If you're on benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals no matter what year they are in. Please do look below to see if you are entitled to apply

You are entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
 - income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
 - the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
 - support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit, if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- if your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll continue to receive them until they move to a new stage of school, such as from primary into secondary school

To find out if you are eligible, ask at the school office or call Leeds Welfare and Benefits Service on 0113 222 4404



REMINDER

**Please complete your
consent for the Reception
Residential on Parent Pay.**