



Elements Primary School



Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Already we are at the end of the first week of term! We have had a lovely week getting to know all our new children and seeing our Year 1 children looking so grown up.

We understand what a big step it is for children starting school and our children have coped really well. Everyone is ready for the weekend after a busy and tiring week.

All our children have made us proud this week with their eating of school lunches. Everyone has eaten school dinners this week and they have all been willing to try new things. Well done everyone!

Thank you to everyone for being so patient with us as we begin another term in our temporary accommodation. We appreciate that our site is not very flexible at the moment and we are very grateful for all those of you who have helped us by parking away from school.

We realise our space outside school is small but feel free to wait across the playground and not just against the fence. We are also sure our playground will be less crowded from next week when Breakfast Club opens.

You can see for yourselves how our new building is progressing and we are confident that when it is ready and we have moved in the wait and constraints of a longer period in our temporary classrooms will be worth it!

Please see details in this newsletter of the curriculum clubs we are offering this year. We are very excited to be welcoming some external experts to provide opportunities for our children although these do come with a cost. As a school we are subsidising these and hope that everyone who wants to take part gets the chance. If you think your child would like a place at one of our clubs but are concerned about the costs please do let us know at the school office.

Thank you everyone for a super first week.

Miss S Horsbrough
Executive Principal

Morning Routines

Our Reception children have begun to settle really well this week. As a next step forward we are asking that parents can still bring children into the cloakroom for the next week, if they feel it necessary.

However, please can we ask that parents do not go through into the classrooms but remain in the cloakroom or outside.

We appreciate your support with this.

CLUBS



Fun French
for Kids

Songs, story-telling, games
and more to inspire young learners.

After-school Club
running at
Elements Primary School
from Weds
18th Sept
3-4pm

£4 per session payable
half-termly via school's Parent Pay

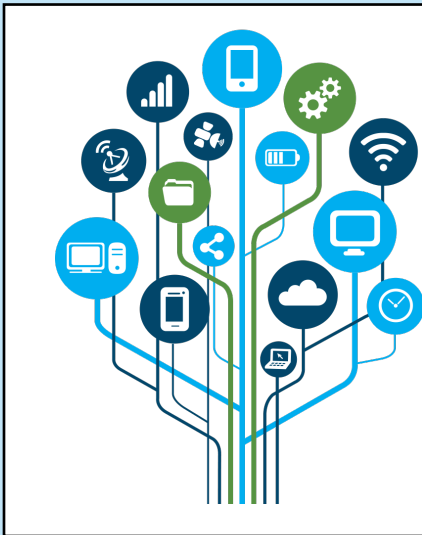
Please note this after school club is for **RECEPTION** only.

The French after school club has a charge of £4 per session.

Year 1 will be accessing their French lessons with Kidslingo in lesson time. This starts next week too!

CHOIR

Mrs Martin will be leading our choir this year. Anyone who loves music and singing is should come along. There is no charge for this club.



TECH CLUB

MISS TURNER WILL BE LEADING OUR BRAND NEW TECH CLUB. THE CHILDREN WILL BE USING CHROME BOOKS, VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSETS, DIFFERENT SOFTWARE AND HAVING AN INTRODUCTION TO CODING.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS CLUB.

Please be aware clubs have a limited number of places available. Booking for clubs will go live at 6pm on Friday 13th September on the parent portal. Payment will be collected from next week on Parentpay once places have been allocated. Any one who is unsuccessful in gaining a place will be put on a waiting list.

Dance classes

Jessica Francis
DANCE

We are very excited to announce that after October half term we all our children will be taught dance as part of their PE curriculum. Each year group will be taught a different genre of dance each half term. They will be taught by Miss Jessica who is the Principal of Jessica Francis Dance School in Wakefield. Jessica is an experienced dance teacher with a specialism in ballet. Therefore we will also be running a Classical Ballet after school club after half term too. This after school club will have a charge of £4 a session. We will let you know when booking opens for this club nearer the time.



ParentPay®

Please note ParentPay will go live next week for payments to be made to school. This cannot be done before the start of school as email addresses all have to be checked and confirmed which we believe they now are.

All payments to school need to be made through ParentPay as we do not take cash in the school office. If you do not have a card to pay online then you can request a barcode which can be used at any PayPoint that displays this symbol.



School Trips 2019/2020

The children of Elements Primary attend a number of school visits throughout the year. We have calculated the cost of these based on last year's visits. Rather than asking for a donation at the time of each trip we would ask that you pay a one off payment of £30 to cover you child's trips for the year. This does not include the residential.

Payment needs to be made through ParentPay and can be done in installments if this is easier for you. Any difficulties in paying this please speak to school.

Timings of the School Day

Flying Start Breakfast Club **7.30am - 8.40am**
(Breakfast is served until **8.25am**)

School Day - Doors open **8.45am** , school ends **3pm**

Touchdown After School Club - **3pm - 5.30pm**

Children in Reception will need a pair of black pumps in school after October half term. Year 1 children will need to bring their pumps from next week please.





ALDI STICKERS

If you shop at Aldi and are given any 'Kit for schools' stickers please could you send them into school as we are collecting them at Elements.

If we collect enough we will be able to get some free kit for our school and also be in with a chance of winning £20,000.

We would be really grateful for your support.

Names in uniforms

Unfortunately some of our children's jumpers are already getting mixed up. Please can we ask that you name all your children's clothes. Checking and finding clothing items is so much easier and much faster if they are named.

Could you please check your children's school clothes over the weekend to ensure they have all the right items. If you find another child's school uniform items have been brought home by mistake please return them to school. Thank you.

Car Parking

Unfortunately due to the ongoing building works we are going to have very limited car parking space on the school site.

Please do not drive to school if you can avoid doing so at all as there will not be space to either park or drop off at school.

From week beginning 16th September Breakfast Club and After School Club will be open and this will hopefully reduce the amount of traffic around school at the beginning and end of the day as arrivals and departures will be more staggered.

In the meantime can we please ask that you walk to school whenever possible. If you do need to drive please park away from school and walk the last few metres e.g. on Thorpe Road.

If you are parking at all in the vicinity of school please do so responsibly and considerately for those that live nearby.

We understand these are not ideal circumstances but are confident this is for a short space of time and the wait and the potential inconvenience will be worth it!

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Spare Clothing

Please could children in Reception bring a small bag of spare clothes, particularly underwear, that can be left in school so they can be changed in the event of any accidents they may have.

All children need to bring a pair of wellies to leave in school please. These will be left so the children can access them easily for water play or to wear in bad weather.



Please ensure they are clearly marked with your child's name.



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DROP OFF AND COLLECTION POINTS

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 WILL BOTH ENTER SCHOOL THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSROOM BLOCK.

YEAR 1 WILL BE RELEASED FROM THEIR FRONT DOOR AT THE END OF THE DAY.

RECEPTION PARENTS NEED TO COLLECT CHILDREN FROM THE BACK DOOR OF THE CLASSROOM WHICH IS SITUATED BEHIND THE UNIT AT THE REAR OF SCHOOL. TO ACCESS THIS AREA PLEASE SHE THE GATE TO THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE.

CHILDREN WILL BE RELEASED FROM THEIR CLASSROOMS FROM THE CARPET. PLEASE STAND BACK FROM THE DOORS TO ALLOW THE TEACHERS GOOD VISIBILITY OF WHO IS HERE TO COLLECT.

THANK YOU

A few 'not allowed' messages!

