



Elements Primary School



Friday 20th September 2019

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week here at Elements Primary School. Our children are settling in beautifully and building new friendships and relationships all the time. It has been wonderful to see lots of examples of collaboration between our children this week. **I have seen children in Reception working together in provision to create some wonderful pieces of work. I was super impressed by some of our Year 1 children who took it upon themselves at lunchtime this week to build an obstacle course for our Reception children to enjoy. They even held their hand if they were nervous to help them across.**

Just today I saw one of our Reception girls, who after running into two of her friends causing them all to fall to the ground, stop and pick herself up and then take great care to help the other two to their feet and check they were OK. Such independent collaboration is wonderful to see and our children make us very proud in the way they work together.

We were visited this week by the CEO of Wellspring Academy Trust, Mark Wilson. He is a regular visitor to Elements and is always very complimentary about our children and school. This visit was no different and he was extremely impressed by our children's conduct and manners not to mention their super learning behaviour. Well done all!

Sadly our new building is not yet ready. We are now working towards moving into the new building during half term. I am assured this is a worst case scenario and there is a good chance we will be moving earlier than this. We are keeping everything crossed. The building itself is certainly progressing and is going to be amazing when we finally do move.

Please keep an eye out in your emails for your Parentpay passwords. These should be with you by the end of Monday.

Thank you all so much for your patience and support.

Have a super weekend. It is set to be a sunny one for us all to enjoy!

Miss S Horsbrough

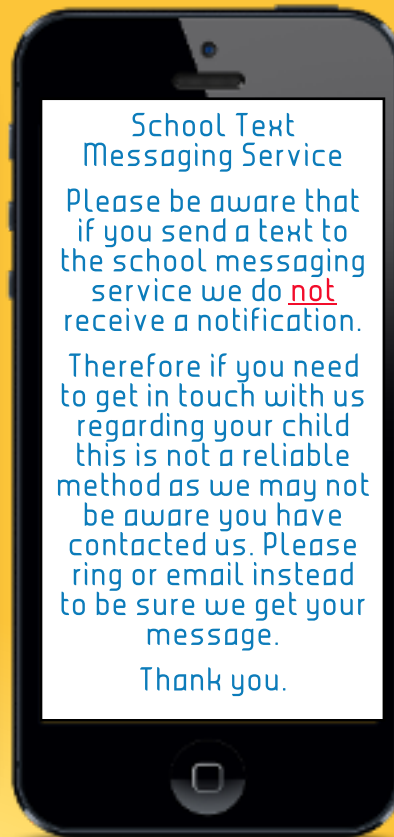
Executive Principal

Attendance

99.5%

Our Target

100%



Menus

Please be aware that due to us still being in our temporary accommodation we are still having a simplified menu for school lunches.

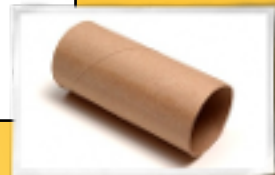
The menu will be the same again next week and we will take the children's choices from the first two weeks. Hopefully our menu will change for the week after.

Thank you for your patience.

Junk Modelling

A request from us please! If you have any small empty boxes, insides of toilet rolls and kitchen rolls, egg boxes or small plastic containers please could we have them for our junk modelling areas in both Reception and Year 1.

Please could you ensure any contents have been emptied out of them and the containers are clean and dry. Thank you very much!



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 via e-mail

Thank you!

Year 1 Readers

Please be aware that staff in Year 1 have been very busy completing the baseline assessments for the children this first two weeks. These have been done in the time slots when we would normally be listening to the children read. The children's reading 1:1 will increase next week as all our assessments are now done.



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.

ELEMENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2019/20

2019	SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER					DECEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
	Total number of days					Total number of days					Total number of days					Total number of days				
	17					19					21					15				
2020	JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
Monday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
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Bank holidays	WOW Week	Teacher training day
Other holidays	Parents' Evening	

School Holiday Calendar

Some parents have requested I send the holiday calendar out again so please see above for this year's school term dates and holidays.

Please note a change from the previous version. There is now a teacher training day on Friday 7th February 2020. This is a Trust wide training day and so all Wellspring schools will be closed on this day.

A reminder too that the May Bank Holiday Monday has been moved from the 4th May to Friday 8th May. This is a UK wide change.

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

Jessica Francis
DANCE

Dance classes

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.

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.



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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.

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.



A few 'not allowed' messages!

