



# Elements Primary School



**Friday 27th September 2019**

Dear Parents,

*This week has seen us making strides forward in many areas of school. I'm sure you have seen for yourselves the progress with our permanent build. We are confident we will be in the new building after half term at the latest. I was lucky enough to have another walk round the build, this time with directors from the Department for Education and the building contractors. School is looking amazing. We are so close.....*

*We have also seen a fantastic move forward for our Year 1 children as they began their project work this week. This is a new way of working for our children but as ever they made us so proud with their efforts and quality of work. Enquiry led learning isn't easy!*

*It was also wonderful to hold our first celebration assembly this week. It shows how well our children have settled and they came together beautifully to celebrate all the successes of the week.*

*Our school has also continued to grow in number this week with more new children joining us in both Reception and Year 1. Many of these children have joined our school because of the positive comments you have made about our school to your family and friends in the community and we are extremely grateful.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Miss S Horsbrough*

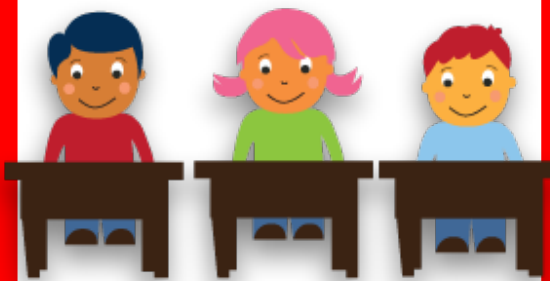
*Executive Principal*

**Attendance**

**95.6%** 😞

**Our Target**

**97%**



#schooleveryday

**STARS OF THE WEEK!**



# RECEPTION NOTICES

## Morning Routines

We are so proud of the way our Reception children have settled into school and think they are now ready for their next step. When children are now dropped off for school on a morning please say your goodbyes outside the door. Parents please can we ask that you do not come into the cloakroom now but allow your children to come in on their own. This is another step forward for the children but their independence will develop greatly by doing this. It also allows them to get into class more quickly and begin their learning as the cloakrooms are less crowded. Thank you.

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.



## TOYS IN SCHOOL



Please can we ask that our children leave their toys and personal items at home rather than bringing them to school. Children become upset if things go missing or get broken. It is also hard for other children to understand what belongs to school and what belongs to other children. To avoid upset and disagreement please do not allow children to bring their own toys to school. Thank you.

# YEAR 1 NOTICES



## P.E.Kit

All year 1 children need to have their P.E.Kit in school every week. They will keep this in their locker and can be taken home at the end of the half term for washing.

Can we also remind parents that children in Year 1 need the correct P.E.Kit with green sleeves as this is their year group colour.

Thank you.

## Year 1 Parent Workshop – Advanced Notice

We will be holding a workshop for Year 1 parents on Thursday 10th October. This will be on "Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home" and will be led by Mrs Martin.

There will be two opportunities to attend, 3.10pm and 5.30pm. Please book your place on Arbor from next week.

Please note all ParentPay accounts are now live and you will have received your username and password in an email this week. Please ensure you log on and activate your account as soon as possible to avoid being locked out.

Also WOW week trips and French Club are both live on ParentPay for you to make payments to.

Thank you to all those who have paid these already.



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#### 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.

## 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

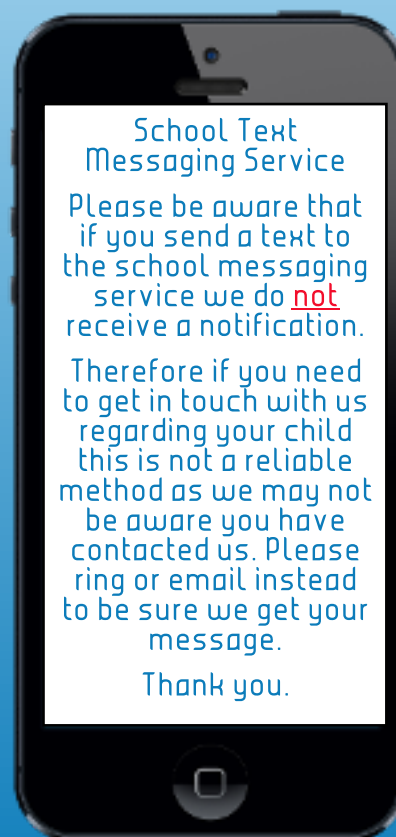
Thank you!

#### School Text Messaging Service

Please be aware that if you send a text to the school messaging service we do not receive a notification.

Therefore if you need to get in touch with us regarding your child this is not a reliable method as we may not be aware you have contacted us. Please ring or email instead to be sure we get your message.

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**



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