



# Elements Primary School



**Friday 13th December 2019**

Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe we are approaching the last week of the term already. The first day of school in September seems only two minutes ago. What a fantastic term we have had. All our children have worked so hard and they make us very proud. We are looking forward to seeing you all next week for our nativity performances at Tenants Hall. We hope you can join us.

Although it is not the news we were hoping for I can now confirm we will not be moving into the new build during the Christmas break. This means we will be starting the new year in our temporary buildings. I am assured we will be in by the end of January so we shouldn't have much longer to wait. Last minute sign off issues are preventing us from taking Practical Completion unfortunately. As I keep saying though, having seen the building this week, it will be worth the wait. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Miss S Horsbrough

Executive Principal

## **REMINDER - TOUCH DOWN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

*As you know we have always been able to offer our after school club free of charge. However, as we informed at the beginning of the year, Touch Down will no longer be free after Christmas.*

*The cost per session is £4. Sessions need to be booked through the Arbor Parent Portal a half term in advance. These will then be added to your Parentpay account. If a session is booked and your child does not attend the place will still be charged. Any questions please do speak to school*

## *Upcoming* **EVENTS**

Tuesday 17th December - **9.15am & 2pm Reception Nativity**

Wednesday 18th November - **Christmas Party Day & Christmas Lunch**

Thursday 19th December - **9.15am & 2pm Year 1 Nativity**

Friday 20th December - **Christmas Jumper Day**



## Save the Children **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Although the 'official' Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children is on Friday 13th December we will be holding ours on the last day of term which is **Friday 20th December**.

Anyone who want to come in their Christmas jumper on this day is welcome to. Please bring a donation of £1 for Save the Children.

### READING VOLUNTEERS

Would you be interested in supporting our children in school with their reading?

We are looking for volunteers who would like to listen to our children read in school.

Training would be given to anyone interested.

Please contact the school office if you would be interested in this opportunity.

Thank you



### **Chocolate Raffle**

After the success of our Christmas Fayre we will not be selling tickets for the Chocolate Raffle this year. Instead each child in school will be given a ticket giving them all an equal chance to win

Please help our prizes be extra special by donating some chocolate items to school.

A small bar of chocolate would be more than enough! We will be creating some chocolate hampers as prizes so please do donate what you can!



### *Christmas Party Day*

*We will be having our Christmas parties on Wednesday 18th December. Children can come in their party clothes on this day.*

*This will also be the day when we will be having Christmas Dinner for school lunch. Please ensure you choose this on Parentpay if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on this day.*



## **Attendance**

**Stars 92.3%**

**Diamonds 94.6%**

**Shine 84.7%**

**Dazzle 92.3%**

**Whole school 95.8%**

**Our Target 97%**



# Nativity Tickets



Reception will be performing 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' on Tuesday 17th December.

Year 1 will be performing 'A Miracle in Town' on Thursday 19th December

There will be two performances on each day. One at 9.15am and one at 2pm

As you can imagine we may be limited for space for these performances. Each child will have 2 tickets reserved in the first instance. These can be for either performance. Please let the office know which performance you would like your tickets for.

If you do not intend to use either of your tickets please let us know so we can offer them to other families.

**Tickets are £1 each**

**PLEASE NOTE ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT TENANTS HALL**



## Car Parking

**Please can we ask that you park as much as possible away from school. We have very limited space and there have been some dangerous near misses. Please keep our children safe and park away from school. Thank you for your understanding.**



## Stars of the Week!

### Uniform

We aim for high standards of uniform at Elements. Please ensure your child wears a logoed jumper and polo shirt.

The children should also be wearing plain black school shoes without colour strips or logos.

## Parent Questionnaire Responses

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parents questionnaire. We had almost 60 responses. We were thrilled with the many positive comments you gave us about our school. A very small number of responses included some questions or concerns which we hope we will be able to answer for you here.

Questions/Concerns	Our responses and actions
<p>You would like to know more about what your children are doing in school. What they are learning and what their themes are.</p> <p>(Based on 5 responses)</p>	<p>We have been developing the The Elements Learning Hub. This is now ready to launch. Please go to the web address below to find out more about what the children are learning at school and how you can help at home. More will be added to the Learning Hub as the year progresses. We hope you enjoy using it.</p> <p><a href="http://tiny.cc/epshub">tiny.cc/epshub</a></p> <p><u>Reception</u></p> <p>Also, now we have photo permissions from all parents in Reception, we are able to provide you with a username and password for you to access your child's learning journal on Tapestry. You will receive these via email next week.</p>
<p>You would like more information about reading and for the children to change their books more often.</p> <p>(Based on 2 responses)</p>	<p>We have advertised for reading volunteers to support our children's reading in order for their progress to be as swift as possible. If you are interested in becoming one of these please do contact school.</p> <p>There is also information about reading on our new Learning Hub.</p> <p>Unfortunately due to the delay with our build we have been unable to deliver the Parent Workshops for Phonics and Reading we held last year. We do plan to deliver these once we have space.</p>
<p>You said you were concerned about unhealthy choices at Breakfast Club and that there were mostly chocolate cereal available.</p> <p>(Based on 2 responses)</p>	<p>Only one out of the six choices of cereal at Breakfast Club is chocolate flavour. The rest are plain or wholewheat. We keep our choices to cereal and toast to keep the cost manageable. Where possible we have fruit available.</p> <p>We are also conscious that we want to maintain a free Breakfast Club for all and this limits our menu somewhat.</p>
<p>Concerns that the school disco was safe because staff numbers were low and the exits weren't monitored.</p> <p>(Based on 1 response)</p>	<p>We are a small staff and so we allowed parents to attend to supervise their own children. We were also joined by members of the PTA who were positioned by the doors to the toilets in order to monitor and supervise. Miss Horsbrough remained on the main exit all evening.</p>
<p>Use of the sad book.</p> <p>(Based on 1 response)</p>	<p>We have a very positive approach to behaviour at Elements. Please read our Personal Leadership Policy on the school website for a fuller understanding of our approach.</p> <p>Please do come and speak to us in school also.</p>

**ELEMENTS SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2020/21**  
(190 pupil days)

2020	SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER					DECEMBER				
Monday		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
	Total number of days					Total number of days					Total number of days					Total number of days				
2021	JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
	Total number of days					Total number of days					Total number of days					Total number of days				
2021	MAY					JUNE					JULY					AUGUST				
Monday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1
Thursday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2
Friday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3
	Total number of days					Total number of days					Total number of days					Total number of days				

Bank Holidays	Teacher Training Days
Other Holidays	WOW Week

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020 - 2021**

These are the school holidays for academic year Sept 2020 to Aug 2021.

Please note we are on holiday for two weeks at Spring Bank - end of May. We have done this to give you an opportunity to book a holiday when it may be more cost effective because most schools are only closed for one week.