



Elements Primary School

Friday 25th October 2019



Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe we are at the end of our first half term of the year.

As promised in last week's newsletter I can now give you the firm arrangements for our move into our new building.

Today representatives from McAvoy's, the building contractor, the Department for Education and their technical advisers met with myself and other Trust personnel to discuss handover of the new build. The outcome of today's inspection is that the building is not yet ready to be handed over. There are outstanding works still not completed to a standard that would allow practical completion to be issued. Handover is however, fully expected next Friday 1st November.

Whilst this means our school will be ready for us to take possession it does not allow school any time to decant from the temporary buildings and set up the new build ready for children to attend.

I am sure you will feel as disappointed as we are, not to be moving into the new build on the 4th November as planned.

If we wait for the next school holiday to move in then it would mean we would remain in the temporary classrooms until Christmas. This is an option we have discussed but feel the implications for the children would be too great. Even simple activities like Christmas Nativities would not be possible and we feel that would be unfair.

As a solution and to ensure no further delay than necessary we will be implementing the following solution. Staff will work the weekend of 9th & 10th of November to physically move everything from school into the main build. School will be closed on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th of November to allow for school to be unpacked and classrooms set up ready for children to begin in the new build on Wednesday 13th November.

We appreciate that additional closure days cause inconvenience for parents and is very much our last choice of action. We feel that by following this plan it ensures that we are not affected by any further delay and we can give you, our families, a firm schedule of events.

As handover will have happened on the last day of half term we are hopeful we can use the first week back to complete some transition visits for our children and tours for our parents into our new school. It will obviously be an empty building but may well be a perfect introduction to such a huge new space for our children.

We are so grateful to you all for your understanding, ongoing patience and support this first half term. We are so close and hope that when we finally welcome you into our beautiful new school, you will feel the wait and disruption will all have been worth it.

Miss S Horsbrough

Executive Principal

Upcoming EVENTS

Wednesday 23rd October - **Individual school photos**

Friday 25th October - **School closes for half term**

Monday 4th November - **School opens**

Wednesday 6th November - **Planetarium visiting school**

Thursday 7th November - **Reception trip to Royal Armouries**

Thursday 7th November - **Year 1 trip to Whitby**

Monday 11th November - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 12th November - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wednesday 13th November - **NO BREAKFAST OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Friday 15th November - **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Advanced Notices

Friday 22nd November - **Christmas Fayre**

Friday 29th November - **Christmas Disco**

STARS OF THE WEEK!



Attendance

Stars **94.6%**

Diamonds **95.7%**

Shine **91.6%**

Dazzle **92.2%**

Whole school **93.8%**

Our Target

97%

Friday 15th November



BBC

**Children
in Need**



The theme this year is "Let's do good and let's feel good".

On Children In Need day we are giving the chance to come to school in an outfit which either:

1. Represents someone who does good - an everyday hero e.g. nurse, fireman etc

or

2. In an outfit that makes them feel good - this can be as ordinary or as extraordinary as you like!

If your child would like to come to school dressed in either of these options please send a donation of at least £1. All money raised will go to Children in Need



Chocolate Raffle

When we get nearer to Christmas we will be sending home tickets for you to buy or sell for a chance to win a prize in our Chocolate Raffle. 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!



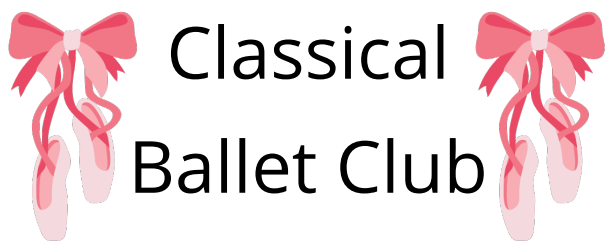
Volunteers still needed

We have our first WOW Week after half term and we still need some volunteers for supporting our trips and activities.

If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers please email the school office.

Please be aware that being on the list does not mean you will attend every trip. This just gives us a pool of parents we can ask if necessary. We are very grateful for this support.

Thank you.



Classical Ballet Club

Ballet Club begins after half term. It will run on a Thursday from 3pm - 4pm

This club is open to all year groups and to boys and girls

Booking for this club is now live. There are 4 places left!
£4 per session.

WOW Weeks Trip Money

Thank you to all those who have paid the £30 for the children's trips for the year.

There are lots of parents who still have not paid anything towards the children's trips for the year. There are 37 out of a total 91 children who have no trip money paid.

At Elements we strive to offer our children engaging and exciting opportunities. Unfortunately these can only happen if everyone pays a contribution.

Please do log onto Parentpay to pay this.

If you have any difficulty paying this contribution please do come and talk to us in school.

Welcome to the Elements School PTA



ELEMENTS PARENT GROUP

A new Facebook group has been created for our school parents group. This can be found by searching Elements School PTA.

This is a closed group for parents of the school only.

This group is run by our parents group for parents.

Please do join the group to have another way of being involved with school.

Giving Consent

We have a number of trips happening in WOW week after half term.

In order for all children to attend we need your consent for those particular trips.

Please log onto the Parent Portal and give your consent for these trips.

Thank you.

Sound Cards

Year 1 children have brought home some sound cards to practise. This year they will be assessed particularly on their sound and phonic knowledge so any time you can spend with them with these would be much appreciated.

HEAD LICE

WE HAVE REPORTS OF A FEW CHILDREN WHO HAVE A CASE OF HEAD LICE.

PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK YOUR CHILDREN'S HAIR OVER HALF TERM AND TREAT THEM AS NECESSARY.



Can we politely request that you do not use your mobile phones on school grounds. This is a safeguarding measure and removes any misunderstanding that could occur around recording, photographs or communication. Thank you for your understanding.

