

# **Elements Primary School**



# 25th September 2020

### Dear Parents,

I want to say a huge thank you to all our families this week for the support and understanding you have shown school during these first few weeks. The staff and I appreciate your efforts in following our procedures around COVID-19 and for being so positive about our school. The staff are working very hard and your positive feedback really helps. Thank you.

We are being as creative as we can to ensure the children have the best experience possible in school and our technology helps us tremendously. Our virtual celebration assemblies on a Friday are fast becoming a very popular norm!

### Clubs

We have made the difficult decision not to begin our curriculum clubs for the time being. Keeping the numbers of people in school reduced and maintaining a thorough cleaning regime which ensures every classroom is fully cleaned every evening must be our priority. Holding clubs after 3pm would compromise this at the moment and so unfortunately we will need to wait a little longer. We appreciate this is disappointing for everyone but we are grateful for your understanding.

### **Build update**

As you will have been able to see from the school site the contractors are still not finished with their ground works. We were informed these would all be completed by today but yet again we have been told that this deadline has not been met. Please be assured that the Trust and school are doing everything in our power to move this work along as quickly as possible. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Car Park

Although we now have more spaces available, the car parking on the school site is limited. Please do not drive to school if you can avoid it. If you do need to use the car park please do so responsibly. Drive slowly and only reverse into spaces. Thank you.

### Miss S Horsbrough

### **Executive Principal**

# **Attendance**

Stars	95.7%
Diamonds	99.1%
Shine	96.9%
Dazzle	96.5%
Inspire	94.3%
Discover	97.8%
Whole school	96.8%

#### **PE** Kits

Everyone in Year 1 and Year 2 will need their PE Kit in school.

Please send your child's PE kit into school in their PE bag. These can then be left in their locker til the end of half term.

PLease ensure your child has the correct PE top.

Reception - Yellow sleeves

Year 1 - Lime Green sleeves

Year 2 - Dark Green sleeves

If your child is in Year 2 and you still have their Year 1 PE top which you could bring to school for a 'swap' it would be a huge help to our Year 1 parents.

Thank you.

#### Flu Vaccine

The school nurse is booked to visit school on Tuesday the 8th of December.

You will need to consent to this nearer the time.

We are just letting you know now as some parents were asking in case they needed to organise this themselves.

## **OUR STARS OF THE WEEK!**



### **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

### **WOW Week fees**

At Elements we have special weeks in the year called WOW weeks. This is when we organise all our trips, visitors and special events.

To make the cost easier for parents we ask for a single payment at the beginning of the year. This is a one off £30 payment which covers every WOW week event.

This has now been added to ParentPay. You can choose to pay this in installments or in one go.

Whichever is easier.

Obviously this year our school provision looks different and we expect our WOW weeks to look different too. At least in the short term.

Trips will almost certainly not be possible whilst the COVID restrictions are in place. We are hoping though that we will still be able to plan and deliver some safe WOW events in school and contributions to the cost of these would certainly be needed.

If, as we go through the year, circumstances change and these events cannot take place any unused costs will be reimbursed to you.

Thank you for your support.



Please make your child's meals selection on ParentPay by 1pm on a Wednesday each week for their meals the following week.

Thank you.





#### **Reception Class Consent**

In Reception Class we use a platform called 'Tapestry' to record the children's learning journeys. Many of you will be familiar with this as your child's nursery will have used the same system.

We want to open up the system so you at home can see what the children have been doing in school.. You will also be able to share what they have been doing at home.

In order to do this we need consent from that you are happy for your child's photograph to appear on Tapestry. This is a school system and is noone has access to your child's profile apart from school and yourselves.

Sometimes photographs we use may contain other children in them and we need your consent to allow your child to appear on these photographs.

Please log into Arbor and complete the consent for this to happen. Any questions please contact school

#### **REMINDER**

Fees for 'Touchdown' After School Club are now on ParentPay.

Touchdown remains just for the children of working parents until further notice.

Please only use Touchdown as a last resort.

Thank you.