



Elburton Primary



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Number 11



Message from Mrs Anderson...

I can hardly believe that I am writing this with just under three weeks left of the school year. This is a huge time of change for so many. We have been welcoming our new foundation classes to school over the last term, they will have carried out three afternoon visits. I am sure they will settle very quickly into school life as they have been extremely grown up at the visits. Our Year 6 children have carried out their induction to their new secondary schools and appear to be very excited about this change. We would like to welcome Miss Morris who will be joining the team in September, covering Miss Norton while she is on maternity leave. We are delighted that Miss Morris will be in school all of next week, so look out for her! It is also a time of change for Mrs Williams and Miss Margetts as they both complete their final teaching practices with us today. Thank you and good luck to them, we have loved having them as part of our team and with them all the best for the future.

The last two weeks of term are all about transition, finalising this year and preparing for the new school year. Below you will find the details of our transition days.

Online safety

Many of you will have received some emails and messages through ParentPay and possibly telephone calls in relation to concerns over online safety of our children. We all know the benefits of the internet but it is essential that our children know how to use it safely. Please can I urge you to check the apps that your children are using, together with settings for them. If you need any support with this please come in and see a member of the team who will only be too pleased to help.

In the autumn term we will be having a parent workshop with the focus on 'Keeping our children safe online', the NSPCC will be running this session for us. We will give you the date and time in the new school year.



Reports

Your child will have brought home their annual school report today, I am sure you will be delighted with their superb achievements throughout the year. This is a time to celebrate and acknowledge all they have achieved. With the report you will find all of the information you will need pertaining to next year, parent consultations, if needed, and an outline of what some of the information in the reports means to you, as parents.

Transition days

This year we are introducing two transition days to our children to support them in the move to their new classes. The aim of these is to ensure they know all the routines, organisation of their new class and are familiar with the adults before they break for the summer. These days will fully support this and hopefully lead to the children not worrying over the summer but being excited about the new school year. On Thursday your child will come in to school as they currently do, after register they will move to their new class for the next two days. They will exit through the new door and then come in via that door on Friday.

2018-2019

29-10-2018 - 19-12-2018
03-01-2019 - 15-02-2019
25-02-2019 - 05-04-2019
24-04-2019 - 24-05-2019
03-06-2019 - 19-07-2019
06-05-2019 May Bank Holiday

2019-2020

04-09-2019 - 18-10-2019
28-10-2019 - 20-12-2019
01-11-19—Staff training day
06-01-2020 - 14-02-2020
24-02-2020 - 27-03-2020
15-04-2020 - 22-05-2020
01-06-2020 - 17-07-2020
08-05-2020 May Bank Holiday

Twitter

Do follow us on @ElburtonSch. and add to our 425 followers!

Used Stamps

We are still collecting used stamps in school for a hearing impaired charity. Any used stamps can be left at reception.

Dogs on school grounds

Please can we remind all parents that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. If you have a dog with you, please ensure they are securely tethered to the fence of school, but not by the side entrance.

Staff Training Day

Friday 1st November 2019, is now a staff training day. Please see revised dates above.



Sports Days

Thank you to all of you who supported us with the Foundation/Key Stage 1 Sports Day in June and the Key Stage 2 Sports Day this week. It was wonderful watching the children participate in a variety of team games and then taking part in competitive races. There was an excellent balance throughout the two afternoons. The children all fully participated and enjoyed the events that they took part in. A huge congratulations to the RED team who won the KS2 sports this year and to 6EM who won the Tug Of War!



Thank you to Mr Smithers, Mr Griggs and the teams who are organised and made these two events so special for our children. We look forward to future events.

Survey

Thank you to those of you who completed the latest parent survey - once this is finally analysed we will share the findings with you. We hope that this will be in the final newsletter of the year.

Parent Advisory Group/Forum

In the new school year we would like to start a parent advisory group/forum. The purpose of this forum is to explore findings from surveys, seek your views and to forge more partnerships. To make this a manageable group, we would like to have one representative from each year group. The meeting will last up to an hour and will take place termly. If you are interested please can you email me so that we can get this going in September – manderson@elburton.plymouth.sch.uk. If we get lots of volunteers we might have to find a way to select! I really hope that you would like to be part of this group as your views and ideas are valued and important to us.

NSPCC

We were delighted to welcome Michelle from the NSPCC to school last week. She led two assemblies to our children followed by workshops for our Year 5 and Year 6 children. Michelle and the team were really impressed by our children and she said, **'I visit numerous schools and I must point out your school stood out for all the right reasons. The behaviour and conduct of the pupils today was exemplary and I would love you to pass this on to the pupils, especially Year 5 and Year 6.'**

Thank you for your contribution to our 'Dress Down Day' that raised precious funds for the NSPCC and supports their outreach work. We raised £401.54.



International Schools Award

I am delighted to be letting you know that, once again we have successfully been awarded the International Schools Award. This clearly demonstrates the commitment to developing and maintaining our international links, together with the rich international element to the curriculum for our children. Mrs Baldwin, Miss Collinson and myself were at a British Council event in Plymouth last week that was celebrating this. Mr Bradford and Mrs Baldwin collected the award on the schools behalf. Well done to the children and the Elburton team on this achievement.

PTA

A massive thank you and well done to the PTA this term for the superb events they have organised for our school community. These have all been very well received and a great deal of fun. All of them have appealed to different people, from the fun of the Duck Race to the Circus and finally to the spectacular Summer Ball last weekend. The commitment of the committee and the support of you, our families make this all worthwhile, thank you from the staff and the children as you make a huge difference to all of us. We will look forward to the final event of this term, the Disco next Friday evening!

Co-op Local Cause

The PTA have asked that we remind you to register the school as your local cause. This is an excellent way for us as a school to secure some additional funding. This year we are targeting the development of our outside play areas and this will make a massive difference if we are sign up. Every penny counts!