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Principal: Mrs J Fish

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Dear Parent/Careers,

We are currently busy working with the School Council on ideas for the new logo for Elm Academy. We will soon be launching Elm Academy's new school uniform. This will be in place from September 2018 and further details will follow after half term.

Please do not purchase any of the existing style uniform for next year as the uniform will be changing. During parents evening today we have lots of surplus school jumpers being sold for the very reasonable price of £1 per item.

Lost Property

The school office has an enormous amount of **unclaimed lost property**, this will be available for parents to look through today during parents evening. If there is any unclaimed lost property by **Friday 9th February 2018** this will be **donated to charity**.

Safety of Children

There have been a number of reported incidents outside schools within the local area, all children should be collected from school unless they are in Year 5 upwards.

If your child is in **Year 5 or 6 written consent** is required by the class teacher before children will be allowed to walk home.

Please ensure this consent explains your preference for walking home after school clubs/extended learning as well.

All KS1 children must be walked up to school and not left at the school gate.

Please can I ask all parents/carers to speak to your children about stranger danger, we **strongly recommend** the following:

- **To walk in groups whenever possible**
- **Don't talk to strangers**
- **Make your way direct to your destination**
- **Walk 'with a purpose'**

If a child is approached by a **stranger** on foot or in a vehicle:

- **Ignore if possible**
- **Shout to call for attention**
- **Get into a safe space e.g a Shop**
- **Tell a trusted adult**

May I ask that you and your child(ren) remain vigilant and report any concerns directly to the police.

Parent Pay

From **Monday 19th February** 2018 Elm Academy **will become cashless** which means **all schools trips and lunches** will need to be **paid via Parent Pay**. If you are experiencing any issues with Parent Pay please notify Mrs Canning. On **Friday 9th February 2018**, there will be open sessions available to help support anyone who is experiencing difficulties with logging on or creating an account.

Year 2 Plea for Fabric/Material

Year 2 are still looking for fabric, wool and material for their junk modelling activity after half term.

Year 3 Science Centre

Year 3 really enjoyed learning all about digestion as part of their "bottoms, burp and bile" topic. They learnt about where all our food goes and had the opportunity for lots of hands on participation.

Year 5

Year 5 won a selection of books from the Premier League Stars poetry competition. Elm Academy was one of the first schools out of 1000 to submit their entry.

Extended Schools

If your child(ren) are unable to attend Extended School **written confirmation** will be required from parents/carers. The school will not allow any child(ren) to go home without this consent.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March 2018, we invite all children to dress up as their favourite book character. There is no charge for this.

Respect to other parents

Over the past two weeks it has been brought to my attention that there have been incidents where parents/carers have not been respectful to each other on site. Please can I ask that we all treat other with respect at all times and remain mindful of the way we interact with each other, particularly around children.

Very Best Wishes,



Mrs Fish
Principal

Important Dates for the Diary:

Parents Evening 8th February 2018
Greek Taster Day 9th February 2018
Half Term 12th February - 16th February 2018
World Book Day 1st March 2018
J Rock 2nd March 2018
Year 6 SATS Final Practise w/c 19th March 2018
Sports Relief 23rd March 2018
Year 4 Winchester Science Museum 23rd March 2018
PTA Easter Bonnet Day 28th March 2018
Easter Holiday 30th March - 13th April 2018
KS2 SATs Week – W/C 14th May 2018
Inset Day 25th May 2018
Half Term 28th May - 1st June 2018
Summer Holiday 26th July - 31st August 2018
Inset Day 3rd September 2018
Inset Day 4th September 2018

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