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Principal: Mrs J Fish

Newsletter Monday 5th March 2018

Dear Parent/Careers,

Thank you for your cooperation when school was closed on Thursday and Friday last week.

It is never an easy decision to make but the weather forecast for Thursday afternoon meant that we needed to follow the advice and ensure the safety of all our children and staff. I hope you all stayed safe and warm and managed to enjoy the snow.

To ensure that we are able to communicate with all parents/carers at short notice it is imperative that we have **up to date mobile numbers/email address** for you. If you did not receive text messages with updates on the school closure on Thursday 1st March 2018 please return the slip sent out with this Newsletter so that we can ensure we have current/up to date information for you.

We are always looking at the best ways to communicate with parents and are working towards going paperless in the future. It would help the school greatly if the school has your email addresses. This means that when we are ready to go paperless we will have your email address in readiness to send out letters/newsletter and important information to you via email. It is an efficient environmentally friendly way of ensuring that parents/carers receive letters in a timely manner, rather than a crumpled piece of paper which might get lost/damaged on the way home from school. In addition if we have your email address we can send out emails rather than text messages which will provide a cost saving to the school. Please can you **provide your email address** on the **reply slip** sent out with this newsletter.

New School Uniform/Logo

The school council have come up with some really exciting ideas for the new school logo and uniform. I can't wait to share the smart new uniform with you shortly.

World Book Day

Due to school being closed on Thursday 1st March World Book Day has been rescheduled to take place on **Friday 9th March 2018**.

J Rock

It was great sadness that the organisers had to postpone J Rock, details of when this has been rescheduled will follow as soon as we receive an update. It is looking likely to be rescheduled to a date in April 2018.

Parking/Dropping off Children

Please can all Parents/Carers refrain from parking/dropping off children on the Zig Zags outside of school.

I have had reports that children are being dropped at the bottom of the school car park on the zig zags which is incredibly unsafe and could result in a child being injured or worse.

I am sure you will all agree the safety of ALL our children is always paramount, please ensure that you park safely and legally.

Cross Country

Erin in year 5 achieved 3rd place in Cross Country, Erin did really well and the whole school is really proud of her achievement.

Lunchtime Update

All children are provided with sufficient time to eat their lunch. If your child has not finished eating and it is their playtime they are able to move to a table outside of the school hall supervised by staff. The

school council are reviewing lunchtime arrangement and if children in KS2 provide feedback that they do not have enough time to eat their lunch, they will be brought into the hall earlier from outside play to provide them with extra time to eat their lunch.

Lunchtime Art Club

The children are learning all about origami flowers and worked really hard on creating different types of Tulips.

Breakfast Club

From **26th March 2018** all payments/bookings for breakfast club will need to be made via **Parent Pay**. You will be able to book and pay for sessions up to 8.30am on the morning of the session you require. If you are in debit with the breakfast club please ensure that this is paid as soon as possible. Breakfast club will need to be paid for in advance on or before 8.30am on the day of the booking. If payment is not received your child will not be able to attend until any debit balance is cleared. If you are having any problems with Parent Pay please notify Mrs Canning ASAP to ensure this is rectified before this deadline.

Please ensure all children are walked up to the door when dropping off to Breakfast club.

Parent Pay

All Trips, Lunches, Swimming and Breakfast Club payments **ALL** need to be made via **Parent Pay**.

If your child is entitled to a free school dinner you will still need to have a Parent Pay account and book your child/ren lunches online. **All lunch orders need to be made at least 5 days in advance.**

If a lunch order is not placed via Parent Pay you will need to ensure that your child has a packed lunch with them.

If you have any problems with Parent Pay please contact Mrs Canning.

Mrs Canning can also help you set up a Parent Pay account if you are experiencing difficulties, please pop into the school office and she will be able to help you.

If you do not have access to a computer or smart phone please speak to Mrs Canning.

Collection arrangements afterschool

Children will **not be allowed to leave school** with anyone not on the agreed collection list unless parents/carers have provided prior written consent or have spoken to the school office or a member of Elm Academy staff.

Unwell children

If children in Year 5/6 become unwell on their way to school they need to either report to the school office or go immediately home. If your child returns home please notify the school of your child's absence in the usual way.

Hand Sanitiser

Children are not allowed to bring hand sanitiser into school.

Very Best Wishes,



Mrs Fish Principal

Important Dates for the Diary:

Year 1 RSPB 13th March 2018
Year 6 SATS Final Practise w/c 19th March 2018
Year 1 Trip to Kinson Common 22nd March 2018
Sports Relief 23rd March 2018
PTA Easter Bonnet Day 28th March 2018
Easter Holiday 30th March - 13th April 2018
Year 1 Falmer Palmer Trip 26th April 2018

New Date: Year 4 Winchester Science Museum 4th May 2018

KS2 SATs Week – W/C 14th May 2018

Inset Day 25th May 2018

Half Term 28th May - 1st June 2018

Year 1 Pirate Workshop with Poole Museum 7th June 2018

Summer Holiday 26th July - 31st August 2018

Inset Day 3rd & 4th September 2018



Contact detail review 5th March 2018

Please return to the school office by Friday 9th March 2018

- Childs Name:**
- Childs Class:**
- Siblings Name:**
- Siblings Class:**
- Siblings Name:**
- Siblings Class:**

Please complete the information below in order of priority:

Priority 1

- Full Name including title:
- Contact Mobile Number:
- Email Address
- Relationship to Child:

Priority 2

- Full Name including title:
- Contact Mobile Number:
- Email Address
- Relationship to Child:

Please circle the statement that applies to you

- 1) I did receive a text message to inform me of the school closure
- 2) I did not receive a text message to inform me of the school closure

Form Completed by insert name:

Signature.....

Date:

Office use only:

Updated on SIMS

High **Expectations** lead to High **Achievers**