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Principal: Mrs J Fish

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Dear Parent/Careers,

World Book Day

It was lovely to see the children dressed up as their favourite book characters last Friday, all the children had the opportunity to exchange books and read to other children from different classes. It was a successful fun filled day. I was particularly impressed with the 97% attendance across the whole school, which enabled us all to enjoy and share our love of reading together.

Sports Relief

On Friday 23rd March 2018 it is Sports Relief, children are welcome to come into school in sports wear for a suggested donation of **£1**. There will be lots of exciting sporting activities and challenges for the children to get involved in to help support and raise money for this worthwhile cause. If children would like to participate in sporting challenges against the Teachers please bring in some coins.

Reminder for Payments for Year 3 Trip to the New Forest

The deadline for the contributions towards the cost of the Year 3 trip is **today**. All contributions to be made via Parent Pay.

Request for Leave May & June

No requests for leave will be accepted across all year groups for May and June, as this is the government exam period.

Collection arrangements of children

If your child is due to go home with another adult after school please can all parents/carers ensure that they provide either **written** or **verbal consent** to the class teacher/member of staff. If arrangements change during the day the office needs to be notified before **1.30pm**.

Parent Pay

The summer menu is now available via Parent Pay. All orders need to be placed via Parent Pay and **this includes children that are entitled to universal free school meals and free school meals**.

Please remember that all orders have to be placed at least 5 days in advance. If orders **are not placed on Parent Pay** the catering team will not have ordered food for your child so please ensure that you provide a **packed lunch**.

Summer Menu Packed Lunch Option

Please be aware that you are only allowed to order one packed lunch option per week. If you order more than 1 packed lunch, the catering team will automatically allocate your child a hot dinner on the remaining days choosing the most appropriate option to meet your child's dietary requirements. This is to promote and encourage children to have a hot lunch, it is also to adhere to the requirements of children entitled to free school meals to ensure they have a hot meal.

School Nurse

The School Nurse will be offering a drop-in centre at Elm Academy on Friday 23rd March from 8.30am. Parents are welcome to drop in for advice and support about your child's medical needs and requirements.

Gym Club

Miss Toth has been really impressed with the focus, partner work and jumping on the vault of the after-school gym club. We are very lucky to have a gym coach working at Elm as part of our TA Team who can share her expertise with the children.

RSPB

Year 1 enjoyed their free visit from the RSPB. The children dug in the mud and found bugs. They also pretended to be a snail and had to stay safe from the enemy the blackbird.

Year 4 Science Trip

Half of Year 4 had the opportunity to visit Oak Academy as part of their topic on George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. They worked with the secondary school children on science experiments, they particularly enjoyed the explosions. It was a great opportunity for the children to work with a range of different science equipment in a fully equipped science classroom. The other half of the year group will have the opportunity to visit Oak Academy on 21st March 2018.

Art and Yoga Club

Miss Toth is offering an art and yoga club details can be found in the front reception area. Please be aware that any arrangement with Miss Toth is separate arrangement and does not involve Elm Academy.

Afterschool Clubs

The afterschool club expression of interest forms will be sent out to all parents today. The spaces are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please ensure that you return your form by no later than **Thursday 22nd March 2018.**

Very Best Wishes,



Mrs Fish
Principal

Important Dates for the Diary:

Year 6 SATS Final Practise w/c 19th March 2018

Year 1 Trip to Kinson Common 22nd March 2018

Sports Relief 23rd March 2018

Year 3 New Forest Trip

PTA Easter Egg Hunt 26th - 29th March 2018 KS2

PTA Easter Bonnet Day 28th March 2018 KS1

Easter Holiday 30th March - 13th April 2018

New Date: J Rock 23rd April 2018

Year 1 Falmer Palmer Trip 26th April 2018

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

PTA Summer Fayre 22nd June 2018

Year 1 Pirate Workshop with Poole Museum 7th June 2018

Summer Holiday 26th July - 31st August 2018

Inset Day 3rd September 2018

Inset Day 4th September 2018

High Expectations lead to High Achievers