

# Elm Academy

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**Principal:** Mrs J Fish

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## **Newsletter Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Dear Parent/Careers,

Happy New Year to you all, it has been lovely to see the children return to school full of enthusiasm. I have seen excellent examples of the high expectations we expect from all our children.

### **Coats**

As the weather is very cold at the moment, please can you ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather and always have a suitable waterproof coat at school at all times.

### **Girls Football Team**

The girls football team had great success on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and beat Kinson Primary School.

### **School Nurse**

The School Nurse will be offering a drop-in session at Elm Academy from 8.30am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. A letter with further details will be sent out later this week with further details.

### **Car Park Safety**

Please can you remind children not to play in the school car parks. The car parks are used at all times. Children should wait by the gates and not play in the car park area. The safety of all our children is paramount.

### **AFC Bournemouth**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January Year 1 had a visit from AFC who ran a PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) session with the children. AFC will be returning for the next 2 weeks to continue their work with Year 1.

### **Teacher Creatures**

Our reception children had a visit from Teacher Creatures on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The children met a millipede, rats, chickens, a snake and an owl. The rat did an obstacle course and the owl flew to the children's hand. The children and reception team really enjoyed this educational visit and learnt lots about the animals.

## **J Rock**

Junior Rock Challenge 2018, will take place at the **Portsmouth Guildhall on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.**

**Tickets are priced at £14.50 per ticket**

If you would like to purchase tickets for the event please return payment in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of **Mrs Marsh, J Rock**. Please ensure you clearly detail your child's name and class. Payments must be received by no later than **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

## **Computer Games**

There are lots of positive benefits that can be seen by children playing computer games such as quick thinking, increased accuracy and the development of patience, concentration and preservation, however, computer games should be played in moderation and be age appropriate. There is evidence to indicate that if children spend too much time playing video games they can become isolated, desensitised to violence and experience difficulties with their attention span.

It is parents/carers responsibilities to ensure that the games your children play are suitable. Descriptors on computer games packaging indicate the main reasons why a game has received a particular age rating and this can help with informing your choice.

The following websites contain lots of useful information to help you make an informed choice:

The positives and negative of computer games

<https://childrenspublishing.com/effects-video-games-children/>

Advice on Age rating meanings

<http://www.pegi.info/en/index/id/33/>

Tips for parents

<http://www.pegi.info/en/index/id/24>

Very Best Wishes for 2018,



**Mrs Fish**  
**Principal**

### **Important Dates for the Diary:**

Parents evening 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> February - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Easter Holiday 30<sup>th</sup> March - 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

KS2 SATs Week – W/C 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Inset Day 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Summer Holiday 26<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

Inset Day 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Inset Day 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Term Dates for 2018 – 2019 can be found on our website.

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