



ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter Summer 1
15th April 2024 – 24th May 2024



Key Dates:

24/4	PTA Bake Sale
25/4	KS2 Multisports (Tuxford)
30/4	Adventure Unlocked – Little Acorns AM and Oak PM
May	KS1 SATs
W/C 13/5	KS2 SATs Week
14/5	Adventure Unlocked – Chestnuts AM and Sycamore PM
16/5	KS2 Rounders/Cricket
21/5	Sports Day (R—Y6)
22/5	Nursery Sports Day
24/5	Value Assembly: Talented

Events to Attend:

Here is an outline of events; further information will be issued closer to the time.

Sports Day: We have chosen to host our annual sports day at an earlier date due to the usual weather conditions. This will be led by Ms Williams with some exciting events in the morning, followed by a range of races (with spectators) in the afternoon. Nursery have a separate (much shorter) sports 'day' the following day.

Values Assembly: Support our children in their achievements and see who has earned this half-term's value of Resilient!

Reminder: Sport Festivals

We will be joining other schools at Tuxford Primary throughout the year as they host a variety of sporting events.

Please Note: Not all children will be taken to each sporting event due to limited number of places offered to us. We ensure a fair selection process and opportunities to all over the year.

News and Updates

Don't forget to check Class Dojo for weekly updates and pictures of what the children are learning in class.

Please see your child's What We Are Learning document for more information on their learning this half term! For further information, please refer to the school website.

School Apps

Please remember school have provided access to Numbots/Times Table Rock Stars and SumDog for maths, PurpleMash for coding and Spelling Shed for spelling. If you require support for these or a replacement login please do not hesitate to get in touch.

What we are Learning

Please see your child's What We Are Learning document for more information on their learning this half term! This will be coming out within the next couple of days and will also be on the website.

Changes in Adults and Roles

Mrs Griffiths is now our Deputy Head; she will continue her fantastic work as the SENDCo, EYFS lead and Deputy DSL but is now officially part of the Leadership Team. Further information can be found on the attached letter.

Mrs Freeman, who was a teaching assistant working with us via supply, has secured a position at her local primary school and is excited to take on the new opportunity. Due to this, we will have another TA in school.

We are also welcoming Mrs Alden to our team until the end of the year. She will be taking children for booster groups over the next term, along with covering classes from Little Acorns up to Sycamore! She is excited to be joining the team and we are excited to welcome her.

Attendance

We have seen some improvements of attendance for some of our children and a big thank you to families supporting us with this. Please be aware that your children's attendance must be above 95%; 90% attendance and below is considered persistent absence and further action is being taken. We will, once again, be sending out attendance reminders this half term with your child's current %.

Safeguarding

In the previous update, schools monitoring and filtering was discussed, along with the importance of monitoring devices and internet use at home. This continues to be a focus as it is imperative children are safe when online.

Recent research indicated that among all types of online platforms, YouTube was the most widely used by children; 89% used it, compared to half using TikTok. YouTube Kids can be downloaded to ensure children are watching age-appropriate content; Parents can choose between three age-based content settings: Preschool (Ages 4 and under) Younger (Ages 5–8) Older (Ages 9–12) . One current inappropriate video that has been brought to our attention, on the main site, is 'Jeffy' - it was found that despite the video's child-friendly animation style, online safety experts have found videos portraying sexual content, nudity, violence, gore, and more inappropriate themes.

Online grooming, with the intention of radicalising children and young people, is more common than many people assume. Children and young people may be unaware that they are being groomed as they believe they have made friends online rather than being recruited. Therefore, it is essential that parents and carers monitor devices and know who their children are speaking to online. Independent use of apps such as snapchat, whatsapp and forms of social media can result in children being vulnerable.

As always, if you have any concerns about any child, please contact the school's safeguarding team, Mr Marsh (DSL); Mrs Griffiths (Deputy DSL) and Louise Douglas-Koch (Safeguarding Governor).