



ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter Autumn 1
4th September—18th October



Key Dates:

09/09 SEND Coffee Afternoon

16/09 (9am) PTA Coffee Morning (All parents)

16, 23 & 30 / 09 Balance Bikes—Little Acorns / Oak

24/09 Adventure Unlocked: Chestnut/Sycamore

25/09 Little City—Little Acorns and Oak

26/09 Phonics visit and Workshop for parents

26/09 KS2 Football at Tuxford

01/10—11/10 Harvest Food Collection

03/10 KS2 trip: Eureka!

07/10 National Poetry Day

08/10 Adventure Unlocked: Little Acorns / Oak

9/10 Parent's evening

10/10 KS1 Football at Tuxford

10/10 Parent's evening

11/10 Harvest Assembly

14/10 Parent Reading Workshop

17/10 Halloween Disco

18/10 Value Assembly : Happy



Events to Attend:

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

Coffee Morning:

Phonics visit and Workshop for parents: Parents and carers of Little Acorns and Oak children are invited to complete activities with their children in class, along with attending a workshop of how phonics is taught.

Harvest Assembly: Annual performance assembly and celebration of food collected for the food bank.

Reading workshop: Workshop on how we teach reading and how children can be supported at home.

Value Assembly: You are invited to our end of half term assembly where we issue reading awards, attendance certificates and awards for our value of 'Happy'.

Note: Sporting Events: *Not all children from each class will be taken to sporting events due to limited number of places offered to us. We ensure a fair selection process.*

Huge congratulations to Miss Croot our school cook who has recently tied the knot. Miss Croot will now be known as Mrs Reynolds.



Attendance

Generally good attendance is considered to be at least 96% for most children. Our aim this year is for all children to be 96% or higher. Thank you to those parents who support us with this.

Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is a legal requirement. If your child's attendance is at 90%, your child may have missed around 200 lessons over the year: lessons that will never be repeated.

There is a clear correlation between low attendance and children not meeting age-related expectations. It is imperative that children attend school and poor attendance will result in enforcement to be taken. If your child has attended 90% or less in the previous academic year; you will be required to attend a meeting to improve this.

Safeguarding

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).

Music Provision

We have exciting news as we have a new music teacher Miss L Burdett, who will be delivering music every Friday across the school. Mr Fretwell will be continuing his 1:1 Music sessions each Tuesday.

Homework

All children across school are expected to read 5 times every week.

EYFS and KS1 homework activities will remain the same and details of these will be posted on ClassDojo. However, for KS2 (Chestnuts and Sycamore), we have opted for a change.

We expect all children in Key stage 2 to read 5 times per week, practice spellings and complete Timestable Rockstars activities. However, additional homework will no longer be sent home to ensure all children have the time to complete these activities which will help them the most. Teachers are going to provide these additional tasks via ClassDojo and instead of being mandatory, children who choose to complete them will be rewarded.

We Need You; for the PTA.

Due to a change in personal circumstances, some of our PTA members are no longer able to support in all events. As a result, we are looking for more family members of our children to offer support to school.

As a member of the PTA, you will be able to provide ideas for future events; attend some of the events to support with preparation, organisation and delivery and support the school in raising money for resources and to subsidise school trips.

If we do not secure additional members, the activities planned for the year may not go ahead. We value all participation, support and contribution given. If you are interested, please message me (Mr Marsh) directly via class dojo or office@elkesley.notts.sch.uk for further information.

School Values

Our school values were chosen by our children and are the foundation of everything that we do. We encourage and promote these values daily as we want our children to live and breathe them. We are Happy, Welcoming, Compassionate, Resilient, Talented, Achievers!

PE and Active Learning

- **Swimming:** Sycamore will be swimming every Tuesday with their last session being 19/11/24. After this, Chestnuts will resume swimming with their last session being 11/02/25.
- **Adventure Unlocked:** Bob will be joining us once again for our outdoor learning! He will also be completing Balance Bike training with Little Acorns and Oak.
- **Tuxford Sports:** We are excited to confirm that, once again we will be taking part in inter school competitions with the Tuxford family of schools.
- **Tiny Toes Ballet:** Little Acorns and Oaks will have their annual ballet lessons this half term.

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.