



Newsletter - 13th November 2017

Dear parents and carers

There is a lot of information to pass on this week. Please look at the diary to make sure that you know about all the events happening.

We made sure we observed Remembrance in school on Friday in individual classrooms, there are poppy displays up to see. Above is a delightful image created by Kyra in Owls Class.

We have added in a parent's information workshop on November 20th, next Monday, at 3.30 in Badgers Class. In this short presentation, Mrs Maker and Miss Elms will explain all about KSI assessment, discuss the Christmas Cracker event planned, homework and any trips planned. Please come along straight at school pick up time, and we will entertain the Y2 pupils in the classroom next door with a film while the teachers take a chance to chat with you.

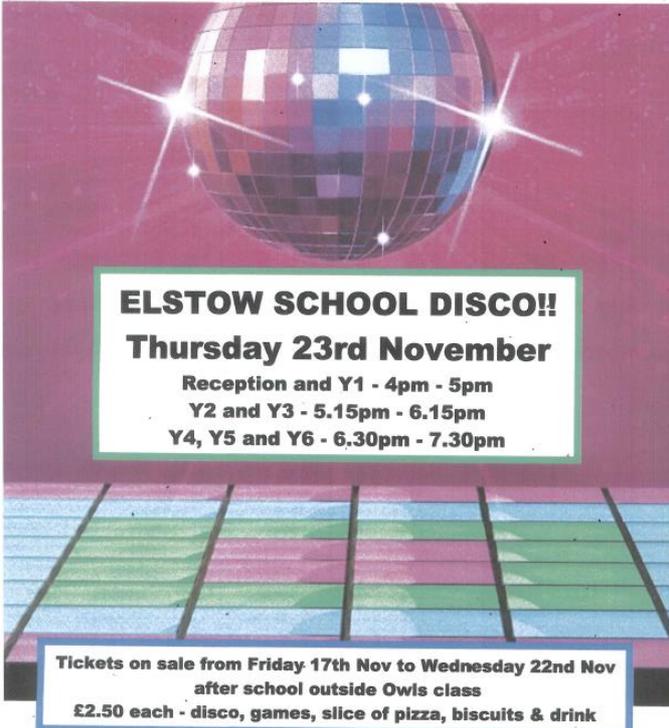
This week is also the parent teacher consultations. These are different to previous years, as they will last 10 minutes. This first meeting is to share how the term is going so far for your child. There will be data collection sheets on the table with the teacher, which we would appreciate you checking and changing where needed. Usually this is a quick scan of mobile numbers stored, addresses and people who are allowed to pick up your child for you.

We are delighted that the Friends of Elstow are once again putting on a disco for the children to enjoy. Please come and support this; they always really enjoy the fun! In addition, this year we are hoping to hold a Christmas Fair. The Friends of Elstow are hoping that many hands will make light work and everyone will help and do a little bit to make a fun event.

Samantha Baxter



TT rock stars is going really well in school! Most of the children are now practising in the 'Garage' and the leader board is being updated in the lunch hall every Monday! Ask your children which times tables they now know!

ELSTOW SCHOOL DISCO!!
Thursday 23rd November
 Reception and Y1 - 4pm - 5pm
 Y2 and Y3 - 5.15pm - 6.15pm
 Y4, Y5 and Y6 - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Tickets on sale from Friday 17th Nov to Wednesday 22nd Nov
 after school outside Owls class
 £2.50 each - disco, games, slice of pizza, biscuits & drink

Parent helpers required
 (contact Friends@ElstowSchool.co.uk or see sign-up sheets in your child's class)

Library news

The raffle for the winner of the Tablet and Bluetooth Headphones will be drawn this week !

So many books have now arrived in our library. The raffle will be drawn this week for the children and the lucky winner's parents informed by a phone call home. We also ask that the parent's or carers come in to collect the prize from the office.

Many thanks for all the support – the library is now looking so much better. We will now be working on fundraising to get the Micro Librarian computer system to track all the books and organising children to come to the library each week to look for something to borrow.

If you feel you could offer some time or ideas for fundraising please speak to me or any of the SLT.

We raised £457.79 for the sponsored read and this means we have £595.13 to spend on books! Thank you for all your support.

Thank you

Dates for the diary

Tues 14th 16:00 – 18:30

Wed 15th 16:00 – 19:30 Parent teacher consultations. Booking slots on classroom doors and in the office – 10 minute appointments. Please enter through the front door – teachers will be in their classrooms.

13th Nov – Anti Bullying Week

Friday 17th Nov Children in Need mufti day **Anti-Bullying Day – Wear odd socks!**
KSI Celebration assembly. Flu spray for Rec-Yr 4

Monday 20th Nov 15:30 – 16:30 Y2 Parent's information presentation Badgers Classroom

Thurs 23rd Nov **Friends of Elstow autumn disco**
16:00 – 17:00 EY and Y1, 17:15 – 18:15 Y2,3,4, 18:30 – 19:30 Y5,6.

Fri 24th Nov KS2 Celebration assembly
Tues 28th Nov Y2 Badgers Class to Whipsnade

Wed 29th Nov Year 3 School trip provisional date
Year 3 / 4 Indoor athletics @ Bunyan Centre (Children notified through slip)

Thurs 30th Nov Yr1 school trip Woburn Safari Park

Fri 1st Dec KSI Celebration assembly

Mon 4th Dec **Usborne Books week in school – all funds to support the school library**

Tues 5th Dec Squirrels Class to Whipsnade
Wed 6th Dec Year 2 visit to Elstow Abbey
Thurs 7th Dec Yr 1 trip to Woburn Safari Park

Fri 8th Dec Final KS2 Celebration assembly

Tues 12th Dec 9:30 am EY Christmas nativity
14:30 KSI Christmas Cracker performance

Thurs 14th Dec 9:15 KSI Christmas Cracker performance
14:30 EY Christmas Nativity

Fri 15th Dec **KS2 Carol Concert Elstow Abbey Church 14:00 – 15:00 Parents invited KS2 Pupils may go home with parents and carers from the church. Any children not collected will be taken back to school for collection at 3.30.**

Tues 19th Dec **Term ends 14:00.**

SNAP CHAT – NEW FUNCTION

Snap Chat is a popular app used by many children and young people on their phones.

Recently, Snapchat introduced Snap Map that allows you to share your location with your friends on a map. Snapchat's introduction video to Snap Map, focuses on sharing the location of posted Snaps to Our Story, which is public, and could be useful for, say, seeing a collection of Snaps from a particular event.

But what Snapchat doesn't tell you in the video, or in the app, is that Snap Map will broadcast your exact location to anyone on your friends list every time you open the app.

When you update Snapchat and get to the Snap Map walkthrough, only three screens need to be clicked through to complete it. Though it mentions sharing your location, it's vague on what that exactly means. Users might not understand that Snap is posting your location on Snap Map every time you open the app. Not just when you share Snaps to Our Story.

Please ensure

- you are aware of what your child is using in their phone
- that the privacy settings are on private
- that you know who is in their group
- whether they have this function on Snap Chat

If you want to disable Snap Map, select "Ghost Mode" upon Snapchat's initial walkthrough. If you've already enabled location sharing for Snap Map, tap the settings gear in the top right while viewing the Map, and select Ghost Mode from there.

Please also find the following link to a NWG parents guide to SNAPCHAT.

<https://www.nwgnetwork.org/parents-complete-guide-snapchat-dangers-impact-2016/#>