



Friday 9th March 2018

Good morning from another super busy week at Elstow. I am always struck by the energy and commitment from all the staff when I walk around the school (as I do each day). The library – under the direction of Miss Holmes and with the dedicated and inspired support of Mrs Loose, now has brilliant displays; it is really beginning to look like a place children would want to visit. I am now awaiting the new shelf unit which was ordered last week using the funds which the school won in a prize draw by one of the education catalogue companies.

I continue to enjoy the enthusiasm of the PE in the school – Mrs Harding led a soccer skills session which the class were clearly enjoying. At the same time Miss Holmes had 100% focussed in her PE lesson too. Meanwhile Y4 were singing their fractions song as part of their maths meeting session. There were some tricky lyrics – but they are learning to keep up!

Year 6 Oak had a fabulous trip to the Natural History Museum on Thursday.



Not only did the whole class routinely thank every Transport for London employee who held gates open but one child even offered his seat in the tube to a lady who was standing. During the whole visit, they were engaged, enthusiastic and interested in everything they saw. They did particularly well in the workshop on inheritance. Huge thanks go to all the adult helpers and to Mrs Millwood for arranging the trip. We are definitely going to return to London with different year groups during the summer.



Reception had the chick eggs hatching in class this week and all the staff went in to see them – Mrs Moulam and Mrs Quarterone showed the live stream on the interactive whiteboard so the children could all see clearly. They have really excited reception who now love telling us all about the life cycle of the chicks and their habitat needs. Yet more knowledge which delights them and us.

Just a note about PE kits – please could you send your children in wearing grey, blue or black without logos. It looks smarter and children behave better and are more engaged when they are not making clothing choices which stand out. As always, if you wish to discuss this, please call the office to make an appointment to see me.

Diary Dates

- 12th Mar EYFS Bikeability Week starts
Y1 Extra PE sessions (BFS coach)
Y3 Extra Football PE sessions (pm)
9.15 – 10.15 Workshop for parents Supporting children with anxiety
6.15 – 7.15pm Workshop for parents Supporting children with anxiety
- 13th Mar 9am and 6pm Year 6 SATs parent workshop and presentations.
(Please let the office or the class teacher know which session you would like to attend)
- 14th Mar Y2 Wrest Park (1 class)
18:30 Local Governing Body meeting Elstow (Governors only)
- 15th Mar Y2 Wrest Park (1 class)
- 16th Mar KSI Celebration assembly
- 19th Mar Bikeability Y5 & Y6 all week
- 20th Mar 9am Kestrels Class assembly
- 21st Mar 9am Hedgehogs class assembly (Big Hall)
9am – 10am Maths calculations workshop for parents – helping your child with maths (Small Hall)
6.30 – 7.30 Maths calculations workshop for parents – helping your child with maths (Small Hall)
- 22nd Mar 9.15 EY and KSI (Y1 & 2) Sing into Spring concert – Big Hall
- 23rd Mar 9am KS2 Celebration assembly
2.30 pm Y3 & 4 Sing into Spring Concert – Elstow Abbey Church
- 26th Mar 2.30 pm Y5 and 6 Sing into Spring Concert – Elstow Abbey Church
- 28th Mar 9am Otters Class assembly
- 29th Mar Silly Sock Day Mufti Autism Awareness
- Term Ends 2pm**