



## Principal's Blog

11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

I thought I would begin with some positive feedback from the SRE parents meetings held last week. It's important that I know you have had opportunities to talk to us about teaching in the school. Below are some of the comments from parents.

Thank you very much for an informative session. Appreciate the Ethos of Elstow School towards children's emotional and physical development, introducing them to life skills, managing risks, decision making and choosing what is right and wrong. Good to know that my son is in safe and caring hands.'

'Really helpful to know what is being taught ahead of the children, thank you'.

'Excellent, given in a very tactful and friendly manner that made the experience very comfortable and put me at ease. Very helpful, thank you Amanda'.

'Very good session, helpful for children and parents too. Very friendly atmosphere'.

This week I have seen some really great and exciting lessons – and celebrated some fabulous writing! In particular I was able to give a WOOSH to a Y2 child for great improvements in writing (this was about Alfred the Great and the burnt cakes!) I also gave a WOOSH and sticker to a Y1 child for amazing attention to detail, clear recording and accurate mathematics. It's the best part about being a Head!

You may have noticed that all our staff are now wearing the Elstow Logo PE kits (complete with initials). Now I am going to ask if you could start to make sure that all our children are in Elstow (or plain white) T shirts and plain black or blue shorts or track suits. We have a lot of children coming with non-uniform additions to their PE kits. It helps the children work better as teams when they are dressed the same and also helps children manage their behaviour (which we all know in sporting situations, can be tricky!) I would be grateful if you could look at PE uniform and if your child is making non-uniform choices, guide them to the right ones in the mornings.

I have noticed lots of people trying to arrive a little later at pick up times to ease the (inevitable) congestion – and it is working! (I still have to work on the Bus Company not sending buses at exactly the time when we are all trying to get out of school!) Thank you for so many that are being patient – it really is only a short wait and by 3.40 every day, the road is clear and everyone has gone! In school we have a vast improvement in the quality of teaching and learning at the end of every day too. A big thanks to all the parents who are supportive and positive – it is appreciated!

Have a great weekend and see you all Monday!

*Samantha Baxter*

## Diary Dates

**14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SAT tests, breakfast will be offered to Y6 at 8.30 Monday – Thursday this week in the small hall.**

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

9.15 – 10.15 Y4 Dance PE Kits today please

Tues 15<sup>th</sup>

9.30 – 11.30 am Y4 Bikeability

Wed 23 – 25<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Residential @ Bromham

Fri 25<sup>th</sup>

Y6 and Reception Class Photos  
BFS PE teacher in for Reception PE. (Please send in PE kits)

**Break for half term – 3.30pm (Multi Skills is still on).**