



Principal's Blog

6th July 2018

School ends on Friday 20th July at **2pm.** This is the same as for the last two terms and will continue as the practice of the school from now on. Please make sure you have this in your schedules.

New Classes

Yesterday your child had an hour with their new teacher – all children should now know which class they are in for September. The children really enjoyed their transition – most were anxious about meeting their new teacher but it was a very positive experience. Class lists for next year are done and a note will be home with children today confirming your

Sports Day

Sports Day practices have been ongoing across the school this week in preparation for Monday 9th. KS1 starts at about 9 so please come into the Breakfast Club gate at 8.45 if you wish to watch your child compete. The KS1 morning ends at around 11.30 when KS1 and EY children will go in and get cooled off, have water and lunch. The KS2 sports begin at 1pm so please come to the Breakfast Club gate for 12.45

All children will be competing for their houses, so should come in house colour t shirts. If you don't have a plain or Elstow one in their house colour, please send your child in plain white and we'll give them a sticker with the house colour on. Please do remember a baseball cap or hat and sun cream.

Sing On and Stanwick Lakes

Year 3 went to the Corn Exchange to join other schools in Sing On. They were incredibly well behaved (noticeably better than other primary pupils attending I am told) and really enjoyed themselves. Singing is so important to health and happiness and I am delighted so much happens here at Elstow.

Year 2 both had wonderful experiences at Stanwick lakes – where they created art work in the outdoors environment. Some lovely pictures of the day are in school for parents to see.

Y6 Netball and Football

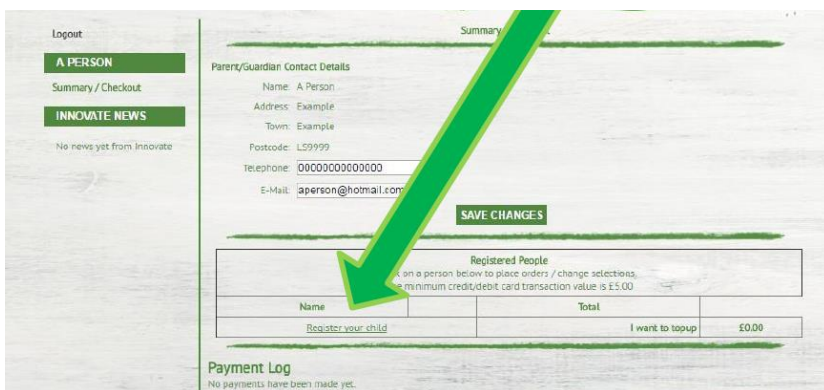
The Y6 girls competed and trained with Y7 from Bedford Free School in Netball this week on our playground. They did so well – Mr Cox the PE lead was impressed with their resilience and determination. Next week, Y6 footballers will play Y7 after school and I am guessing they will love it. Transition to secondary school can be a very anxious time for children and this is one excellent way to help the Y6 make that important step with confidence.

Summer Fair

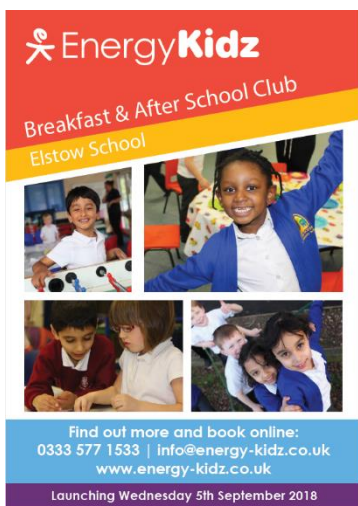
A huge thanks go to all the staff and friends of the school for putting on the Summer Fair in the playground last Friday. It was super hot and incredible fun. We raised over £650 at the last count which is amazing for about 2 hours of fair time! The queues for the slime (great work Miss Clinton – in the heat) were so long –

I know now to make sure that stall is double the size for Christmas to make sure everyone who wants to, gets a go! Thanks especially to Joanna Jameson and Melissa Plater who organised and ran stalls especially the bouncy castle and the helium balloons. A very special thanks to Steph Loose for co-ordinating the event. And finally to all you wonderful families who contributed so generously in goods and coming to support. We will be buying books for the library with the profits to support our Core Knowledge Curriculum.

Thanks to all the parents who attended the Innovate presentation and food sampling last week. The information about signing up and ordering is on the front page of the website.



From next week (Monday 9th) you should be able to enter your child's class name in the login section.



Energy Kidz - Breakfast and After school club which replaces Multi Skills.

Fun filled and action-packed clubs for 4-11 year olds

Energy Kidz is a leading provider of out of school childcare for primary school aged children, offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Our qualified staff are DBS checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and are experienced in and passionate about the activities we offer.

All our clubs follow the playwork principles and offer lots of free play and free choice activities. Children can try a range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, or just chill out and enjoy the variety of toys and games available. We encourage

children to try something new, but also understand that not every activity suits every child so an alternative is always available.

A healthy breakfast and after school snack are provided.

The graphic features a red header with the text 'Club Sessions & Booking Information'. Below this is a light blue box containing details about two club sessions: 'Breakfast Club' (£4.50 per session, 7:30am until school starts) and 'After School Club' (£9.50 per session, from school finish until 6:00pm). It also mentions the club opening on Wednesday 5th September 2018. A darker blue box below states that a 5% sibling discount is available and childcare vouchers are accepted. At the bottom, a purple box provides contact information for booking online, including a phone number (0333 577 1533), an email address (info@energy-kidz.co.uk), and a website (www.energy-kidz.co.uk).

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Club Opening Wednesday 5th September 2018...

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Elstow School Diary Dates

SEE INFORMATION ABOUT START AND FINISH TIMES MORNING AND AFTERNOON ON THE WEBSITE FRONT PAGE.

9th SPORTS DAY EY KS1 AM KS2 PM

Y5 30 pupils to the Virtual Orchestra (am only – 9 – 11am No packed lunch needed)

PE kits all day all pupils (Y5 to Virtual Orchestra to come in uniform and bring PE kits for the afternoon)

Early Years reports home to parents

10th Sports day (back up day if rained off on Monday)

Y6 Reports home to parents

11th Y5 Multi Sports Leadership training in school 9 -12

(Y1 & Y5 PE KITS TODAY – Y1 joining Y5 as part of the training)

Y6 Park Trip – reward 9.15 – 12.30

12th Y5 Multi Sports Leadership training in school 9 -12

(Y2 & Y5 PE KITS TODAY – Y2 joining Y5 as part of the training)

Parent teacher drop in meetings – report feedback and meet the new class teacher.

Open classes 15:30 – 17:00

13th Kempston Library Summer Reading Challenge assembly (school only)

STEM Fair 25 pupils Y6 pupils (location TBC – day time)

Y6 PROM 18:00 – 20:30. Dress to Impress!

16th HAIRSPRAY performance 17:00 BIG HALL Limited availability.

(School will watch dress rehearsal – so any siblings will have seen it then)

17th Cinema attendance reward trip – Bedford Cinema.

19th Y6 leaver's production and assembly 14:00 Big Hall all Year 6 parents invited.

School finishes at 2pm on this day.

We look forward to seeing you all back for the start of the autumn term on Wednesday 5th September at 8.30am.