



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15/09/2023

Message from the Principal

Our first full week back at school has seen a definite change in the weather; much cooler! This week I have walked a number of visitors around school and it was fantastic to showcase how calm and focused our children are. Children were excited to share what they had been learning and explain what makes Elstow so special. It is weeks like these that remind me how fortunate I am to lead a thriving school with such dedicated staff, children and families.

At Elstow we are delighted that you entrust us with the education and care of your children. We are oversubscribed in almost all year groups. Because of some house moves, there are unusually a few spaces in EYFS, so if there are families you know of who wanted to join our school community and were unfortunate enough not to get a place, please ask them to get in touch with us. I would love to show them around our amazing school!

This term we are having a whole school focus on being respectful. In this weeks assembly we have discussed what respect means and how children might show respect in different situations. Across this term we will be exploring key themes including: respecting our families, respecting each other and respecting the environment.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ciantar

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 98.4%. We aim for our children to have 100% attendance.

Robins	97.8%	Owls	97.6%
Hedgehogs	100%	Otters	99%
Squirrels	97.9%	Badgers	100%
Hawks	97.7%	Eagles	97.3%
Kestrels	99%	Falcons	98.8%
Beech	97.7%	Willows	95.4%
Ash	97.4%	Oak	92.1%

To report an absence, you will need to call the school absence line before 9am ([01234 302300](tel:01234302300) - extension 1).

Celebrating success

The winners of our 'Great Work'

Robins – Whole Class

Owls– Whole Class

Hedgehogs– Erika

Otters –Rylee

Badgers– Jairaj

Squirrels –Laura G

Hawks—Michaela

Eagles –Amelia

Falcons - Amira

Kestrels - Amelie F

Beech - Caelan

Willow - Alex

Ash - Christopher

Oak - Aaya

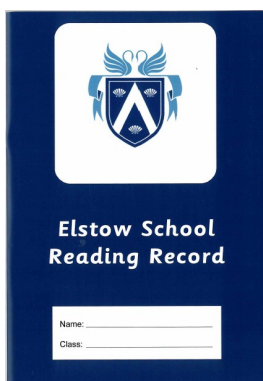
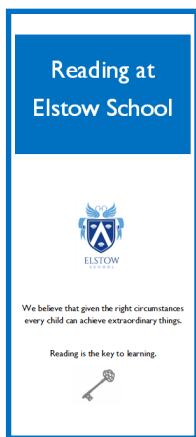
Reading

We hope every child at Elstow School will develop a love of reading.

To support children in their reading journey we have now given all pupils a reading record. Year 6 log their reading in their planners. It is so helpful when you share with us how your child is getting on. Please do comment on anything they found too easy or too tricky.

We do encourage pupils to re-read the same text several times to develop pace, fluency and expression.

This week your child will have been given a reading leaflet. There are some helpful hints and tips to help you when reading with your child.



Top Tips

- **Set aside some time**
- **Ask your child to choose a book**
- **Sit close together**
- **Read to them**
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book**
- **Make it fun!**



Upcoming Dates

Here is a list of key dates for this half term. Please note that new events may be added and that existing dates may be changed or cancelled. We will update you if this is the case.

Date	Event
22.09.23	Jeans for Genes (mufti)
05.10.23	Themed Lunch, poster to be shared
09.10.23	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents
18.10.23	Individual and sibling photographs
19.10.23	Year 2 Harvest assembly
20.10.23	Year 6 poetry performance



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