

Elm Green Newsletter



Friday 8th September 2017

Autumn Term Issue 1

A New School Year

The new school year is well underway and we have been pleased to welcome our new Kindergarten as well as a number of older children throughout the school. I am sure that the children and their families will all quickly settle into the Elm Green community. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Watson as our new subject leader for Art and Design together with Mrs Meeking who joins us as a class teacher in Year 1. I am sure you will all join me in wishing all of our newcomers a happy and successful time at Elm Green.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to parents and children for their lovely cards, flowers, gestures of support and kind words at the end of the last term. They were all greatly appreciated.

Parking—Important!

The early days of a new year are always hectic and bring the inevitable parking problems. It is therefore important that parents support the school's arrangements to ease these. We have 3 early morning lines with staff leaving the pavilion at 8.20am, 8.30am and finally 8.40am to bring younger children down to school (although any child may join the lines). Older children may walk with a friend. Please use these arrangements and avoid walking down to school wherever possible. This releases space in the car park. Similarly we stagger the end of day and ask that First Line parents clear the car park promptly to enable Second Line parents to park. Second Line parents should not arrive too early. Please supervise all children in the Sports Field car park and do not allow young children to run amongst the cars whilst parents chat! The Generals Arms car park may be used in the afternoon only but please respect the goodwill of the owners/publican and show consideration to other users. For certain events, parents may park on the school site but it is essential that everyone drives down Parsonage Lane with great care. Thank you for your support, cooperation and understanding with these arrangements. We have, unfortunately, already received complaints from neighbours and residents whose driveways on The Ridge were blocked by parents from Elm Green this morning and also Parsonage Lane residents who could not leave the lane safely.

Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities

These all start this week and it is important that all parents adhere to the parking rules. Parents should not drive down to school or to the music house or library to collect children from clubs. Permission is very occasionally given to parents to drive down e.g. a child on crutches or sickness. Please do not subscribe to after school clubs and activities for your child if you are unable to follow the parking rules. A failure to follow the rules may result in a request for your child to be withdrawn from the relevant club/activity. Parents collecting from After School Club after 4.45pm may park in the upper car park. Once again your help, support and understanding is appreciated.

Henri Kirkham 4M

Henri (Charles) has been nominated for 'Best Young Actor' in the Inside Soap Awards. This is a public vote to establish the winner. Go to <http://www.insidesoap.co.uk/time-vote> if you wish to vote for him.

YEAR 6 RESPONSIBILITIES

Head Prefects	Jessica Dolan/Finlay Jones
House Captain – Bassetts	Amelia Francis
House Captain – Riffhams	William Fothergill
House Captain – St Cleres	Noya Alegeh
House Captain – Tofts	Rose Kerren
House Prefect – Bassetts	Alexander Large
House Prefect – Riffhams	Rosie James
House Prefect – St Cleres	Nixie Walduck
House Prefect – Tofts	Alexander Straetmans
Librarian	Alys Cope
Librarian	Rupert Whitehouse

Playtime Snacks and Tuck

Please remember to provide your child with a healthy snack for playtime. Sweets, chocolate and crisps are **not allowed** and we also request that parents **avoid** giving their children **nuts or items that contain nuts**. We currently have a small number of children with severe allergies to nuts and any contact could prove dangerous!

National Schools Equestrian Association

Elm Green is a member of NSEA and some of our students have already successfully competed in events this term. If you would like to join our team please contact the school office who will put you in touch with our team manager.

School Diary

Mon	11th	8.45 Y4 Curriculum Meeting –Library Gum Shield Fittings—Dining Hall Secondhand Uniform Shop is open Clubs start
Tues	12th	8.45 Y3 Curriculum Meeting—Library Gum Shield Fittings—Dining Hall Clubs start
Wed	13th	8.30 EGPA AGM & Committee Meeting
Sat	16th	Dads' Football Tournament on Sports Field CCHS 11plus exam
Mon	18th	8.45 Y2 Curriculum Meeting—Library
Tues	19th	Individual/Family photos

Music Lessons

There are currently vacancies for strings and piano. If you



are interested, please make contact with Mrs Newland in the school office for all details of cost and times

Senior Schools Open Days

Greshams The Open Morning is on Sat 7th Oct.

Taster Day for Y7 entry is on Sat 18th November.

Phone 01263 714600

Felsted School The Open Morning is on Saturday 7th October (9.15am).

Taster Days for Y6 are on 18th Sept, 16th Oct, and 13th Nov 9.00–3.45

Phone 01371 822605

New Hall School The Open Morning is on Sat 30th September 9.00–12.00.

Phone 01245 467588

Benenden School

Open Mornings are on Thurs 12th Oct, Sat 14th Oct, Sat 18th Nov and Fri 10th Nov at 1.45pm.

Phone 01580 240592

Congratulations

To Ellie Blackford (who left us last term in Y6) who became the 'U14 Road to Wimbledon Champion' in the summer to become the youngest ever winner!



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