

Elm Green Newsletter



27th September 2019

The New School Year

We have been pleased to welcome our new Kindergarten children, who are pictured below, into school together with a number of students in older class groups. They are all settling well into the daily routines and already seem to be well established members of the Elm Green community. The Kindergarten have largely declared independence from their Year 4 shadows who have done a marvellous job of supporting our youngest children over the early weeks of term.

Our Curriculum Meetings for all year groups have been well attended but please let the school office know if you missed the handouts i.e. Parents' Information Booklet, Curriculum Booklet and information on handwriting and copies will be sent home via the children. All music lessons and clubs have started successfully and a number of fixtures, visits, outings, special assemblies and workshops for parents have been planned for the term. Please refer to your Calendar for information and remember that we will text parents whenever cancellations or changes occur. Consequently, it is important that you advise the school office of any changes to your phone numbers or care arrangements. Wherever possible let the office know at an early stage of the day if you wish to change your end of day arrangements and ensure that your child's name and class is included. Thank you for your help with this.

Parking Arrangements

Parking is a challenge for most schools and especially so at Elm Green. We rely on parental support and consideration to our neighbours and to each other. Consequently, it is important that all parents follow the parking guidelines and, wherever possible, encourage their children's independence by using the 3 morning lines leaving from the Pavilion at 8.20, 8.30 and 8.40 and avoid walking down to school. Older children should be encouraged to walk down the lane with a friend although everyone can join one of the morning lines. This means that parking spaces at the Sports Field car park are quickly released and parking on the road should not be necessary. The Generals Arms car park may be used in the afternoons only mornings and parents are asked to show consideration to the publican. Thank you for your help!



School Diary

Tues	1st	Oct	Barnardo's Assembly
Wed	2nd	Oct	Y5 to Sandford Mill
Thurs	3rd	Oct	U9 Rugby—Chelmer Park NO NETBALL CLUB Last day for free delivery—school photos
Fri	4th	Oct	IAPS Football –Chigwell School Y3 Parents' Maths Workshop Y4-6 Film Night NO GYM CLUB
Tues	8th	Oct	3S Assembly
Wed	9th	Oct	Whole School Panoramic Photo
Thurs	10th	Oct	KG, Y1 and Y2 Consultations (Hall) Y6 Swimming Gala—New Hall NO FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUBS
Fri	11th	Oct	Y1 Parents' Maths Workshop Y5/6 Interhouse Netball—Chelmer Y5/6 Rugby v St Cedds (A)

Barnardo's Cottage Boxes

These may be returned to school on Monday if they need to be emptied in readiness for the Barnardo's assembly.

Chess News

Jerry and Harry Zheng successfully represented England in Copenhagen over the summer. We wish them continuing success in their studies and their chess as they both settle into Westminster School.

Chess Clubs

Unfortunately we have not been able to continue with Wednesday's after school Chess Club but Mr Pert and Mr Slade have offered to coach our children on alternate Fridays 3.30-4.30 starting on 27th September. We need more players, who are experienced in the game, to make this viable and if you are interested please contact the school office for information. Please note that there is a charge for this.



Year 6 Residential Visit to East Mersea—Year 6 enjoyed a few days and nights on Mersea Island after completing their Essex and CCHS 11plus exams. Thank you to Mrs Henly, Mrs Wells and Mr Davidson!

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