

# Elm Green Newsletter



26th June 2019

Summer Term Special

## Interhouse Sports Event—Friday 28th June

Thank you for your understanding and many kind words following the cancellation of Sports Day and the Reserve Sports Day last week. This was unprecedented in the history of Elm Green School and the decisions were made with great reluctance following careful thought. Many of you will be aware that the Parish Council gives the school permission to park on the field for a number of special events on the understanding that we show consideration to other users and have regard to weather conditions. These were major factors that led to the decision together with the high likelihood of our younger children slipping and tripping on the wet track.

To avoid disappointment for the children, we have organised an afternoon of sport on Friday 28th June starting at 12.30pm, weather permitting. Please be aware that this will be a very low-key event compared to our normal Sports Day. Parents are welcome to spectate although we aim to finish by 3.15pm; Creche, Prep and After School Cub will go ahead. Please note:

- Should we need to cancel (again) due to weather we will advise by text at 7.15am
- Children should come to school at the normal time in their white PE kit with tracksuits/sweatshirts/house rosettes and a snack
- All children must have sunhats to wear
- Children should leave their school bags at home
- Y5 children will swim at Riverside at the normal time in the morning
- Y6 may come in late i.e. after 10.00am (or at the usual time) following the final night of the Production
- All children will have a picnic lunch at school before being escorted up to the field
- All children will be provided with drinks at regular intervals
- Parents who are spectating will be guided to parking ON the Sportsfield; please do not park in the car park
- The Cricket Club have kindly offered to open the bar for parents
- We ask that parents leave the supervision of the children to the staff and spectate from the other side of the track
- Children will be dismissed class by class at the end of the event or escorted back to school
- There will be a VERY SHORT presentation of Interhouse trophies only at the end

Please contact the school office if you have any further queries.

## Tuesday 2nd July—Induction Morning

This is the day when new and existing students will be spending the morning with their new teachers for the next academic year. More information regarding this will be sent closer to the day. For all our existing students, this will be followed by a whole school barbeque (weather permitting) at lunchtime and Year 6 will then organise a variety of fun activities for everyone to enjoy with all proceeds going to the Year 6 Charities. Children should bring a named purse with a small amount of cash to spend at the event.

## Monday 8th July - Open Day

This is not a normal school day. Children should only come to school with you or other visitors. We welcome all family and friends who would like to look around the school, see the children's work and talk to the teachers and other staff members. Children should wear smart school uniform without hats. The school will be open between 10.00 and 12.00 noon and from 2.00 - 4.00pm. There will be additional parking available on the Sports Field.

## Wednesday 10th July - Speech Day

This is our traditional end to the school year and takes place in a marquee on the tennis court. Children are generally brought to their classrooms for 9.45am in smart school uniform without hats. The event will start promptly at 10.30am and finish approximately one hour later. All children should then leave with their parents except Year 6 who traditionally stay, with their parents, for The Leavers' Lunch. Space in the marquee is limited and seats are restricted to 2 per family. Seats are reserved for Y6 parents so there is no need to arrive early! There is additional parking on the Sports Field that day although Y6 parents are encouraged to park at school on the lower playground or at Berryfield.

## District Sports—June 17th and 21st

Congratulations and well done to all of our athletes from Y3-Y6 who competed in the field events last Monday (17th June) and in the track events last Friday (21st June). Our success in the field events gave us a good lead for the Friday track events. The children all performed superbly and retained the prestigious Beaulieu Fields trophy. See photo below.

## Swimming Gala—June 22nd

Once again our amazing teams from the Prep swam to victory in the District Gala last Saturday. Six schools competed in this event. This was a very exciting occasion with our A team winning and our B team gaining second place. We competed against some very large schools so it is an amazing achievement for such a small school to field two teams and gain first and second places!

Well done and congratulations to everyone involved in both events and a sincere thank you for the tremendous support from all parents at both events.



## Chess News

Congratulations to Jerry (6H) and Harry (4M) who recently spent more than a week in Romania to represent England in the European Schools Championships. Harry competed very successfully in the U9 section and Jerry played amazingly well against some much older players in the U13 section. Both boys have also been selected as England's representatives in the European Youth Chess Championships and World Cadets' Championships later this summer—an amazing achievement. We wish them every success. Well done boys.

Well done also to Laura (6H) who was invited to join the Essex Girls' Chess team and compete in the U11 National Championship in Solihull recently. The team won convincingly and this is their first victory ever!

## Barnardo's Cottage Boxes

We need these to be returned to school as soon as possible so they can be emptied in readiness for a visit from a Barnardo's. Thank you.

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