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Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought I would just write to you to keep you up-to-date with all things Elton Primary School and Nursery related!

Sports

I would like to start by thanking everyone who came to the nursery and/or school sports days last Friday. It was brilliant to see so many of you there and the children all had great fun on the day. I don't think I've ever checked the weather forecast so avidly in my life as I did last week! Thankfully, it stayed dry and fun was had by all!

This half-term we've also had lots of teams and classes on sports trips representing the school: multi-sport, tennis and dodgeball being the most recent. On every trip, the organising coaches have commented on the superb manners, behaviour and teamwork of our children. We are very proud of them! We have just found out that thanks to the children's efforts we have been awarded the Gold Award for Sports for 2021-22 – well done to all.

Covid

My eldest son's sports day was cancelled at his high school this week – not due to the weather but due to staffing shortages because of Covid. Fortunately, we have only had a few cases recently but do be on the lookout for any symptoms. If a child tests positive then they need to do three days of isolation before they can return to school.

Reports

The children's reports will go out this Friday. They will include any national tests that the children have sat: Reception EYFS data, Yr1 Phonics, Yr2 SATs, Yr4 Multiplication Check scores and Yr6 SATs. The reports will also include information about your child's attendance this year. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their teacher after you've read it, could you contact admin@elton.cheshire.sch.uk to arrange a meeting.

Staffing 2022-23

I will be writing to you all again later this week to inform you of the class adults for the next academic year. The children will meet their new teachers for a morning next week.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to three adults who currently work at school. Miss Lofthouse will be leaving education completely to take on an exciting new job. She has worked with us for many years as part of our EYFS team. After being with us for several years, Mrs O'Connor will be leaving her



roles as Mid-day Assistant and cleaner to start a role as a Teacher Assistant at another school. Miss Allen has only been with us for this one year as KS2 teacher to cover maternity leave and she will be leaving at the end of the year. We wish them all well for the future.

If you are interested in the role of Mid-day Assistant and/or cleaner at our school, or know someone who would be, job adverts are currently on the Cheshire West vacancy website.

Wraparound Care

Since the pandemic started, we have seen a change in people's working patterns which has resulted in fewer people needing wraparound care. This led to Angie's club ending a year ago and now Danni's PESCO is ending too.

After a thorough review it to what was viable for school, we are delighted that S4YC have agreed to run the breakfast and after-school clubs. S4YC are one of the biggest local providers and a company that I have used for my own children's wraparound care. They sent out a letter last week inviting all parents to a virtual meeting with them. If you have any questions then I would encourage you to call into that meeting.

Vouchers for Summer Meals

School has been given money to supply £60 vouchers for each child who receives a free school meal entitlement for food to cover the summer holiday period. As usual we have purchased Tesco voucher and they will be distributed from today.

Attendance

As you know, attendance played a big part in our last OFSTED visit and we were tasked with improving the overall figure and the amount of persistent absentees. A child is persistently absent if they miss 10% of the school year – which is 19 days; so almost 4 weeks or a whole month. Obviously, this year the national picture has been affected by the pandemic and I am certain that the national average will not be 96% like normal. However, the persistently absent level of 90% has not changed. Most people are aware of fines for holidays but there are actually fines for irregular attendance too. During the pandemic, school has taken a pragmatic view on attendance and not looked to fine too many families. However, Government is pushing schools to return to fining families next year for irregular attendance. To prevent this happening, I would ask you to keep in close contact with school around any issues that are affecting attendance.

Final Day

Just a reminder that school ends on Wednesday 20th July at the earlier time of 1:15.

The children return on Monday 5th September - remember there will be an earlier start to school next year of 8:30 gates opening and 8:45 official start.

Have a great summer!

Yours truly,



Mr Manning

Headteacher

