

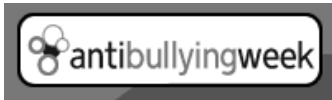


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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and restful holiday. Very shortly, both Elmbridge Infant School and Elmbridge Junior School will be sending out a parent questionnaire to find out how we can improve our schools even further. We will also be asking all of the children for their views of school through an online survey during the day over the next few weeks.

Staying safe



Schools have been invited to take part in Anti-Bullying Week, from 16th - 20th November. At our school anti-bullying is regularly visited as part of our personal/social lessons but we will do some extra activities in the Anti-Bullying Week. On the Friday of that week, we will ask the children to wear non-uniform within the theme of 'Cool to be Kind' as a symbol against bullying. The school council have suggested wearing 'shades' or sunglasses as an example of '*coolness*' but I am sure your child can think of other ways to look 'cool'! As this is also 'Children in Need' day, we would like your child to donate 50p for this charity. If everyone brings in this small contribution, we will raise over £150! Mrs Reedman, our Personal and Social Health co-ordinator, will be sending out our new Anti-Bullying policy next week for your perusal.

Keeping Healthy

I am pleased to report that the sickness absence appears to have returned to normal following the exceptionally high number of children absent from school due to illness before the holiday. However, to help reduce the spread of infection, our advice is not send your children back to school until they are fully recovered and clear of their illness. If your child is diagnosed with 'Swine Flu' they should not return to school until 7 days after the onset of illness.

If your child is absent through illness or will be late into school because of an appointment please remember to contact the school at the beginning of the day. The school office can then mark the registers accordingly and notify the kitchen of any lunch requirements.

Community

The deadline for Christmas boxes has been extended to Friday 13th November so please send in your gifts so that we can reach last year's number of 88! Currently, we have 46 boxes. Thanks.

The next Police & Community Consultative Meeting in the Hucclecote Inspector Neighbourhood Area (INA) is to be held on Thursday 26 November 2009 at Lonsdale Road Methodist Church, Lonsdale Road, Gloucester GL2 0TA. The meeting will start at 7.30pm.

Photographs

There is still time to return your child's photograph order form. The photographer will be coming back in to school on **Friday 13th November** to collect any late orders and assures us that the photographs will be back with you before Christmas.

Reminder of Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10 th November p.m.	Class 1 Gloucester Museum
Thursday 12 th November	Primary School Book Fair
Friday 13 th November p.m.	Class 11 visiting Central Technology College for dance workshop
Tuesday 17 th November p.m.	Class 2 Gloucester Museum
Wednesday 18 th November 7.00 p.m.	Y5 South Cerney information meeting for parents
Friday 20 th November	Children in Need Non-Uniform/ 'Cool to be Kind' Day
Tuesday 24 th November p.m.	Class 3 Gloucester Museum
Friday 4 th December	Deadline for Year 6 Secondary School Common Application Form
Monday 7 th December p.m.	Class 7 visiting Cheltenham Art Gallery for Victorian Christmas workshop
Tuesday 8 th December p.m.	Class 8 visiting Cheltenham Art Gallery for Victorian Christmas workshop
Wednesday 9 th December p.m.	Class 9 visiting Cheltenham Art Gallery for Victorian Christmas workshop
Wednesday 9 th December	School Pantomime 6.30 p.m.
Thursday 10 th December	School Pantomime 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday 9 th December p.m.	Class 9 visiting Cheltenham Art Gallery for Victorian Christmas workshop
Monday 14 th December p.m.	Y3 Christmas Party (bring a change of clothes)
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch for Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 15 th December p.m.	Y4 Christmas Party (bring a change of clothes)
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch for Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 16 th December p.m.	Y5 Christmas Party (bring a change of clothes)
Thursday 17 th December p.m.	Y6 Christmas Party (bring a change of clothes)
Friday 18 th December	End of Term
Monday 4 th January	INSET Day (school closed for staff training)
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Term 3

Best wishes.

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