

## Year 4 Class Mix

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

In preparation for secondary school, here at Elmwood we normally mix the classes when they move from year 5 to year 6. This year we would like to bring this process forward by a year and mix the classes from year 4 to year 5.

The benefits of undertaking this process are that it will allow the children to have the experience of developing new friendships, with new class mates, within the safe confines of Elmwood Juniors. This will help build the children's confidence to deal with change ready for the big changes in the future when they join secondary school. This process was undertaken last year and was extremely successful.

We are bringing this process forward by a year because, due to a large number of children both joining and leaving Elmwood over the last few years, this has created an imbalance within classes. We believe it is in the best interests of all the children's education to address this earlier than previously planned. This would mean that we would not mix the classes again going into year 6.

We are asking the children to name **five friends** (not ranked) they would like to be in the same class with in September. **The children will be making these choices at home with you.** Friendship choices can be across the year group and do not have to be from their current class.

The form below is to be completed at home with parents/carers and is to be handed back in to your child's class teacher. School will guarantee your child being with at least one of the five names chosen.

### **The deadline for handing the form in is Friday 24th May**

When we make such decisions, we will be following a clear set of principles:

- We will always consider what is in the best interests of individual children and classes as a whole.
- We will want to develop a blend of abilities and even up the gender mix as much as possible.
- We will provide at least one chosen friend from the list.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Best wishes  
Year 4 Team





Curious, Creative, Compassionate

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by child \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by parent \_\_\_\_\_

