

## Welcome to 2024/2025 New Academic Year

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your family have had a fantastic summer holiday. I am sure that your children were more than ready this morning to return to Elmwood Juniors for the exciting start of a new academic year. Myself and all the staff have worked hard getting ready for the new term and are expecting this year to be an amazing year for your child. You will notice that we are now in the process of replacing the old hut with a new 2 story modular building opposite the office entrance. This new build will create 2 new classrooms and additional office space in our pursuit to improve our educational facilities at Elmwood.

### Meet The Teacher Afternoons.

We will be giving you an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher during the second week of term. These meetings will all start at 15:20 in the school hall with a short presentation from the Headteacher and Senior Leaders of the school. Followed by a chance to visit your children's classroom and meet your child's new class teacher.

Dates are as follows at 15:20 in the school hall

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Lower Juniors – Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Upper Juniors – Years 5 & 6

### Uniform

A huge thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform today. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that footwear should be black and that we do not permit jewellery, except for stud earrings.



## Security

Yesterday I attended a community meeting where concerns about security on the Elmwood Road were discussed. I am sure that you will be aware that there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour along Elmwood Road. Indeed, at the end of last term, we did have an incident where one of our Year 6 children was approached in an uncomfortable manner by a stranger. The police were informed. We want to ensure that all our children are safe walking to and from school. Please can I ask you as parents to be extra vigilant. If you have any concerns at any point, please do contact myself. I will be calling a meeting shortly to involve parents and the local community so that we can address this issue further.

## Mornings

It was fantastic to see you all this morning. We allowed parents on site at the beginning of the day for the first day only. To encourage and develop your child's confidence and independence we will expect all parents and carers to say goodbye at the school gate and not enter the site from tomorrow. I appreciate your support in this as it benefits your child going forwards.

As always myself and the staff are available at the end of the day should you want to discuss or raise any concerns or issues. I look forward to another fantastic year at Elmwood.

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mr Marston

Headteacher

