



Elm Wood  
Primary School

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# HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

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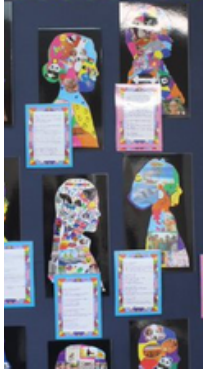


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### Message from Mrs Leith

The children have had a great start to the academic year and I hope you were able to see all of their amazing learning at the parents evening which took place yesterday.

We have all been very impressed with the way that the new Nursery and Reception children have settled into their classes. When I visit these classes I have been able to see the children happy and fully engaged in their learning. I am sure that they are now ready for a well deserved break from school next week.

Last week I attended the Friends of Elm Wood AGM. I feel so lucky to have such a supportive group of parents who all want to work together to support all of the members in our Elm Wood family. It was great to see so many of our new parents and carers at this meeting and I am looking forward to working with the new committee members over the course of the next year.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of the parents and carers who have supported us on all of the school trips this term. School trips are important as they provide the children with learning activities that enhance a deeper understanding of topics. The excitement of going on a school trip encourages children to really think about the topic. Without your support it would not be possible for the children to go on as many trips. Thank you!

Mrs Leith



This month we have been celebrating **Black History Month**.

Black History month presents an opportunity for children and young people to learn more about Black history and to celebrate the contributions Black people have made to society.

Over the course of the month the children have enjoyed taking part in many different activities such as African Drumming, story telling, hair workshops and assemblies.

All children and staff would like to thank the Friends of Elm Wood for helping us celebrate this special month as a school.

Although Black History Month only happens once a year, the teaching of Black history doesn't begin and end there. The curriculum we deliver at Elm Wood supports the children to learn about Black History all year around.



### Dates for the diary...



Friends of Elm Wood Halloween Cake Sale on **20.10.23** at 3.30pm

School closes for October Half Term on **20.10.23**

All pupils return to school on **30.10.23**

Photographer at school on **13.11.23**

**School Closed for INSET Day- 24.11.23**

All dates for Christmas Events to be shared after half term



## Learning Updates

Each class teacher uploads weekly learning updates on **Weduc**. Please follow this link to access these updates for your child's class.



*Please contact the school office if you need assistance to log into Weduc.*

## Important messages!

- Please remember that School Streets closure is in operation on Carnac Street from 08.15 – 09.15 and from 15.00 – 16.00 Monday to Friday during term time, this includes INSET Days or any unplanned school closures.
- Please can all our families remember to **name all items of school uniform** for their children. Please can we also ask that you check at home for any items that may not belong to your child so that you can return them to school.



## Parent Events

It has been great seeing so many of you at our recent parent events. Please do remember that there are a few more dates to add to your diaries

**03.11.23 at 9.30**  
Curriculum Update  
All parents/carers

**17.11.23 at 9.30**  
PSHCE at Elm Wood  
All parents/carers

**01.12.23 at 9.30**  
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)  
All parents/carers

## Punctuality

Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school.

Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons.

Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

**School starts at 08.55**



## Elm Wood's Young Leaders

I am pleased to be able to share with you that the Elm Wood's Young Leaders roles have been assigned to the following children at Elm Wood.

### House Captains

Willow House: Amaya & Rudi  
Palm House: Georgia & Micah  
Linden House: Eloise & Imogen  
Oak House: Nada & Oscar

### Prefects

Willow House: Tatiana & Oniyah  
Palm House: Na'rae & Mason  
Linden House: Elena & Ousbath  
Oak House: Jack & Ainhoa



### School Council

Imogen, Paloma, Dianne, Tianna, Carmen & Isla

### Eco Team

Joshuah, Micah, Georgia, Nina, Clem, Sammy, Esther, & Theodore

I am looking forward to having lots of lunches with our Young Leaders so that we are able to spend time talking about how we can work together to make our school even better! Well done all!

## Foodbank Collection



Thank you to everyone who brought food into school for the local Foodbank. This fantastic amount of food has already been collected and will be on its way to families in our local community soon.

We are hoping to do more collections in both the Spring and Summer Terms.



## Celebrating success

I would like to continue to celebrate the achievements completed by the children outside of school. If your child has completed something that needs to be celebrated please do email the school office with the details so that I can include it in my newsletters.

## Year 5 – Secondary Applications

Please follow this link to access

[A brief guide to starting secondary school in Lambeth](#)

**All applications need to be completed by 31.10.23**

Please [click here](#) to access more information from Lambeth regarding this process.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, do not complete a Common Application Form. Please contact your home borough's SEND Team for details about applications for secondary school.

*Please do remember to contact the school office if you would like further support with this application process.*