



ELLIOTT PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I trust you all had a good summer.

We have been very busy during August, at school and have completed some big improvements across the school. The reception class has had a major internal facelift with a new floor, lighting and heating installed; along with lots of new equipment and resources it looks fresh and inviting for our new reception children. The portacabin has had new lighting and in the nursery a shed has been built for lots of newly acquired equipment.

Our part-time nursery assistant, Laura Alston gave birth to Amelia Skye, both mother and baby are well. We send her our congratulations and very best wishes. Jo-Ann Arrowsmith has been employed to cover Laura whilst she is on maternity leave. Jo-Ann comes from the recently closed Abbey Playgroup.

Sadly, for us, we are losing Kirsty Roberts, our school secretary. Kirsty and her family are relocating to Cheshire. We wish them all the best for the future and thank her for the good work she has done during the past year. Antonia Stephenson will be stepping into her place in the office and continuing her role as Reading Support Assistant and Lunch Supervisor. We welcome Jane Mills back as our Cleaner and Lunch Supervisor after a prolonged leave of absence due to ill health. I am very pleased to announce she is very much better. Laura Johnson, our SENCo has left us to live in Whitstable but as we no longer have any children on the Special Needs register we will appoint an Additional Needs Support Worker in due course.

I would like to give a very warm welcome to the new children joining the school from our nursery. I hope you will all settle in and be very happy at Elliott Park.

This term Years 4, 5 & 6 will be swimming on Monday afternoons. These children will need to bring their swimming kit from next week. They will be transported to the pool by coach and staff cars. Children need to be picked up from the pool at 3pm please.

We plan to celebrate Harvest Festival on the last day of this term - October 19th with a food donation to the food bank in Sheerness, we will also be holding Parent Consultation evenings during the last week of this term, more details will follow nearer the time.

Just to remind you, children are allowed to wear either winter or summer uniform until October 30th and from then on winter uniform only please. School overcoats should be black, navy or dark green as stated on the uniform list and girls' tights should be grey please. Hair accessories should be green/black/navy and understated.

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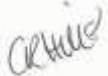
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We try to echo the local school half term holidays to make it easier for families with children at secondary schools. The KCC released this years' dates last year with the spring half term during the first week of June. We set our dates to match but since then the KCC have moved the dates to incorporate the May bank holiday. Therefore, we will adjust our dates to mirror the KCC dates again. If anyone has already booked a holiday according to the original dates, the holiday will be authorised. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Finally, I wish all our Year 6 children the very best of luck in the Kent Test which takes place on Thursday 6th September. In order to accommodate the test, the children in Year One (Saxon Class) will spend the day using the reception class and children from reception (Sunbeams) will use the nursery, they will continue with their normal lessons and be with their class teachers for this day. Everything will be back to normal on Friday.

Kind regards,
Colleen Hiller
Head teacher

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Colleen Hiller', is written on a light yellow rectangular background.

Mrs C Hiller
Headteacher