



Elliott Park School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, it is good to see the children well-rested and excited to see their friends, ready for another year of hard work. 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 5 & 6 will be swimming on Monday afternoons. These children will need to bring their swimming kit for Monday 9th September. They will be transported to the pool by coach. Children need to be picked up from the pool by parents/carers at 3pm please.

We plan to celebrate Harvest Festival on the last day of this term – October 18th with a food donation to the food bank in Sheerness. The food donated will first form the display for our 'in school' Harvest Festival assembly.

We will be holding Parent Consultation evenings during the first week of term 2, more details will follow nearer the time.

Just to remind you, children can wear either winter or summer uniform until October 18th 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.

We are now due our re-inspection by Ofsted. They call us at lunchtime and arrive the following morning. We are not pre-warned; they make their judgment on what they see during one day of inspection. They look at everything, including attendance. Therefore, I ask you to carefully consider the impact that taking a holiday during term time not only has on your child's education and the education of the class but also on the Ofsted grading we receive. Fourteen days' holiday reduces a child's attendance to 95%. I will continue to authorise holidays as requested but advise you that our Ofsted grading will be affected by low attendance.

Children are required to be in the playground for the whistle at 08.45. Registration closes at 09.00. Your child will receive a 'late' mark if they arrive later than this.

Thank you for remembering to park considerately last year; we had very few complaints from our neighbours as a result. Whilst on that subject, children can be dropped off at school from 08.30 – a teacher is on duty in the playground from then. This also encourages independence in our older children and at the same time eases traffic congestion.

We have a PTA meeting planned for Wednesday 11th September at school from 6 to 7pm, to be chaired by Liz Payne and Julia Lewis. Any parent wishing to join the PTA is welcome to come along.

Finally, I wish all our Year 6 children the very best of luck in the Kent Test which takes place on Thursday 12th 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 the day. Everything will be back to normal on Friday.

Kind regards,

Colleen Hiller
Head teacher