Termly Newsletter

Term 1

Elmley Dray School

Thursday 4th September - Friday 16th October

A very warm welcome to the start of a new academic year!

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a well deserved break and is returning feeling refreshed and ready for all the opportunities the year ahead will bring. It is wonderful to welcome our returning pupils and families back to school, and we are equally delighted to welcome all of our new families to our school community.

Starting a new school year is always a special time. It brings new beginnings, new friendships, new challenges and plenty of opportunities to learn, grow and achieve. We look forward to working together with our pupils, parents and carers to make this a happy, successful and memorable year for everyone.

Throughout the year, our newsletter will keep you up to date with the many exciting things happening across our school, from learning and achievements to events, celebrations and important reminders.

What's been happening over the summer break?

There has been plenty going on behind the scenes over the Summer. We have had a deep clean throughout the school, helping to make our learning environment fresh and ready for the new term and we have welcomed new furniture into our classrooms to further improve our learning spaces.

We have also converted the garage into a new Therapies Hub, providing a welcoming and supportive space for our children to engage in 1:1 and small group interventions.

Finally, we now have a new drop kerb, creating an in-and-out system, helping to make arrivals and departures safer and smoother for everyone, whilst hopefully easing some congestion for both parents, carers and local residents.

We are excited to welcome everyone back and look forward to making the most of all these fantastic improvements!

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Staff updates

We are delighted to welcome several new members to our school team this academic year. A very warm welcome to Emma Beckham, Occupational Therapist; Lara Holmes, Cedar Tutor and SEND Teacher; Kelly Dale, Julie O'Neill and Grace Beams who will be supporting students 1:1, and Lisa Hallet, Aspen Teaching Assistant. We also welcomed Mandy Sherwood, our housekeeper, to the team at the end of last term. We are excited to have them join our school community and look forward to the experience, skills and enthusiasm they will bring to their new roles. We wish them all a very happy and successful start with us!

Emma Beckham

Lara Holmes

Kelly Dale

Julie O'Neill

Lisa Hallet

Mandy Sherwood

Grace Beams

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This term we will be celebrating Emergency Services Day on 9th September, which will be followed by a special visit from the local Fire Service at the start of October. Demonstrating our commitment to the community and the environment, students will also be taking part in a local litter pick as part of World Cleanup Day. Later in the term,

we look forward to coming together for both Jeans for Genes Day and Hello Yellow Day to raise awareness and support these wonderful causes. Please keep an eye on your emails for more detailed information and dates regarding these specific events.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 3rd September- Start of Term 1

Week of 3rd September - Transition back into school

Wednesday 9th September - Emergency Services Day

Friday 18th September - Jeans for Genes Day

Saturday 19th September - World Clean Up Day

Thursday 1st October - Visit from the Fire Service.

Friday 9th October - Hello Yellow Day

Friday 16th October- End of Term 1

Careers information, advice and educational guidance (CEIAG)

- September 9th is National Emergency Services Day. Students will have the opportunity to explore different careers in this industry along with a visit on 1st October from the fire service.
- Students will be working towards NCFE and AQA unit awards as part of their careers programme.

Reminders

- Just a polite reminder that due to allergies, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that students do not bring items with nuts into school.
- Please ensure that students do not bring in their own scissors or pencil sharpeners to school; all of these supplies will be provided.
- Thank you for your support in parking with consideration to our neighbours and not leaving engines idling. We ask that you continue to park respectfully and use our driveway if available.

Please support us in respecting our local community, pupils, school and staff team.

- Please remember to let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school. You can use the email address below, or call us on 01795 485039. Regular attendance is vital, directly linking to higher academic attainment as well as helping to build essential life skills such as punctuality, fosters social skills and confidence, and ensures continuity in learning, reducing stress and boosting future employment opportunities.

Useful contacts

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Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you have any questions.

With warm regards,

The Elmley Dray Team