



ELMSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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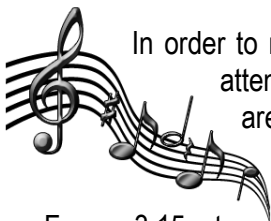
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 7th February:	Parents' Evening 1
Thursday, 9th February:	Parents' Evening 2
Monday, 20th February:	Spring Term 2 starts, 2012.
Tuesday, 13th March:	Parents' Viewing of Work session.
Friday, 16th March:	Cultural Day
Friday, 30th March:	WHACKY HAIR DAY (Non-Uniform Day)
Saturday, 31st March:	Easter Holiday.
Monday, 16th April:	Non-Pupil Day.
Tuesday, 17th April:	Summer Term 1, 2012.
Friday, 1st June:	Ultra Ultra marathon (provisional date)
Monday, 11th June:	Non-Pupil Day 4.
Tuesday, 12th June:	Summer Term 2, 2012.
Saturday, 21st July:	Summer Holiday.
Monday, 23 July:	Non-Pupil Day 5.

WIDE AWAKE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A reminder that for the week commencing 6th February there will be no Wide Awake Club or after school clubs, apart from football on Monday evening and drama on Thursday. All clubs will recommence on Monday 20th February. Gym club will run an extra week at the end and therefore finish on Tuesday 28th February.

NON-UNIFORM MUSIC AWARENESS DAY AND CAKE STALL



In order to raise funds for the promotion of extra musical activities in school, such as trips like the choir attending the O2 Festival, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 10th February 2012. Children are invited to attend as something or somebody musical, or something to do with music! Voluntary donations will be gratefully accepted. There will be an extra focus on music in all the classrooms on that day.

From 3.15 to 3.45, the choir will be performing in the hall, and there will be cakes for sale. Donations of cakes are very welcome (please bring them in on the day) and we are also asking for volunteer helpers to man the stalls – please see Miss Haines and Mrs Chambers if you can help. Thank you.



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EPSA JUMBLE SALE

Following Saturday's EPSA Jumble Sale, we were pleased to receive a number of e-mails praising not only the role of EPSA members and friends of the school, but to the many children who gave up their time to help out and raise funds for the school. During Assembly, on Monday morning, we read out the names of these children and publically thanked them for all their hard work. We would also like to include a copy of this e-mail:

ON SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY WE HELD OUR ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE, AND WOULD LIKE THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED. THERE ARE TOO MANY INDIVIDUALS TO NAME, INCLUDING CHILDREN, (AND YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE), BUT HERE IS A LIST OF WHAT THOSE PEOPLE DID TO MAKE IT A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT: CAKE MAKING, COLLECTING JUMBLE FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE, SORTING AND SETTING UP STALLS, RUNNING THE KITCHEN BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE JUMBLE, SELLING, CLEANING, BAGGING UP, AND A TIP RUN, NOT TO MENTION THE USE OF THE VILLAGE HALL.....THANK YOU ELMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL.

THIS DOES SOUND LIKE AN ARMY OF PEOPLE; HOWEVER THERE WAS A SMALL CORE OF PEOPLE WHO STAYED FROM 8AM TILL 4PM, WITH OTHERS COMING THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO FREELY GIVE THEIR TIME, (EVEN AN HOUR), AND WE MANAGED TO RAISE OVER £1000!

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE A VERY BIG THANK YOU TOO MRS JEN CRITCHLEY , WHO AFTER 40 YEARS OF FUND RAISING FOR EPSA AND THE SCHOOL HAS DECIDED TO "RETIRE " WHAT A SUPER FUND RAISING STAR SHE IS! THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!

EPSA.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club was an idea created by Madelaine S and Hattie P. We thought that those who enjoyed reading, or those who didn't have much time to read, could come along. We also think it is a good chance to read with other people in the school, and share our thoughts and recommendations. Book Club is on a Friday at lunch break. Eat in the school hall at 12.00 – ask to have your dinner early if you are in Key Stage 2 – and meet in Class 3 at 12.30, with Mr. Middleditch. Everyone of all ages and reading abilities are welcome.

Maddie and Hattie

DRAMA CLUB



Please note there **WILL** be Drama Club on Thursday 9th February as usual. It will take place in the IT suite. Many thanks.

Mrs Chambers

CLASS 3 HEALTH AND SAFETY COURSE

On Thursday afternoon, Class 3 completed the Primary School Health and Safety Course, as prepared by Tendring Health and Safety Team. We are glad to say that they all passed – some with distinction. This was recognised during Friday Assembly Awards, with each child bringing their certificate home today. During the Summer Term they will complete the second part of the course, which is all about risk assessment. Well done, Class 3!

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GIRLGUIDING WORLDWIDE

On Wednesday morning we received an e-mail from Mrs Michelle Grimsey, writing on behalf of members of Girlguiding Brightlingsea District who attend our school. Mrs Grimsey explained that Girlguiding UK is the UK's largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women and, as part of a worldwide Movement, enables girls and young women to fulfil their potential and to take an active and responsible role in society through it's distinctive, stimulating and enjoyable programme of activities delivered by trained volunteer Leaders.

Mrs Grimsey continued: *"February 22nd is a special day for members of Girlguiding worldwide. Each year girls celebrate "World Thinking Day" on this date. The date was chosen as it is the joint birthday of the founder of the Girl Guides, Robert Baden-Powell and his wife Olave. It is hoped that all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section members and Leaders will wear their Guiding uniforms, on Thinking Day which falls on Wednesday 22nd February 2012. As the girls will be at school that day, I am writing to ask your permission for girls to be allowed to do this at your school"*.

Of course we will, so any girls who want to wear their Guiding uniforms to school on that day are more than welcome to do so.

POSITIONS VACANT

We have positions vacant for:

- 1 relief MDA
- 1 relief cleaner

Please contact the school office for further information and application form if you are interested in any of these vacancies.

SNOW EVENT ALERT

We have it on good authority that a band of snow will continue to move slowly eastwards across England during the first half of Sunday. This may be heavy initially, but will tend to die out during Sunday morning. Total accumulations from this snow event are likely to be of order 5-10cm in many places; this includes low lying areas. The Met Office is advising the public that this is likely to lead to some travel disruption, and should pay close attention to forecasts as the event approaches. However, don't worry as all should be fine for Monday morning. In the unlikely event of a school closure all parents will be notified via parentmail and therefore there will be no need to phone the school.

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