

# School News



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Primary School

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**SPRING TERM 2022**

**Friday 1st April 2022**

*Dear Families,* One more week to go until we break up for Easter holidays! How quickly this term has gone! It has been lovely to see so many of you during parents evening this week—this was our first face to face meeting for over two years. We hope you have found the meetings beneficial and have enjoyed seeing your children's work. For those of you who haven't made an appointment, telephone and virtual appointments are available on Tuesday 5th April between 3.30pm -5pm. This term we have said farewell to site assistant Mr Haddon who has retired—we wish him well and thank him for his service over the years. We welcome Mr Jones to school to take on the site assistant role. Next week is also Miss Markland's final week with us as Mrs Kilpatrick returns from maternity leave (to Year 5 on Thursdays/Fridays).

Please see the attached new menu launching after Easter. This has been created with all our members of the School Council, who have discussed choices with their classmates. A reminder we break up at 3.15pm on Friday 8th April and return to school on Monday 25th April. If I don't see you over the next week, I hope you all have a happy and healthy Easter break. *Mrs Highman*

## L'apprentissage prend vie - learning comes to life!



Over the last fortnight, learning has come to life across school in many ways! An incubator of duck eggs was delivered to Reception class last week and these have now hatched into 4 beautiful ducklings—Buddy, Ed, Stevie and Bellatrix! Pupils across school have enjoyed watching them grow. The class has also visited Rays Farm. Year 1 have enjoyed a wonderful visit in the sunshine to Twycross Zoo and Year 5 have also experienced an excellent African Day, learning African drumming, cooking and art. The whole school marked a year of learning French with a day dedicated to French activities and learning about French food. Four pupils also entered a Maths Challenge at the Girls High against many schools across Wolverhampton -well done! Year 2 are going on their residential next week—we are sure they will have a super time!

### **Book fair**

Thanks for everyone for supporting our book fair this week. The commission received will support the purchase of further books for our pupils.

### **Marie Curie Daffodil pins**

The Marie Curie daffodil pins will continue to be on sale until Easter for a suggested donation of £1.

### **Year 4 PCSO graduation**

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who have graduated as Junior PCSOs. They have created some super posters to encourage sensible parking outside school gates—look out for them appearing in the next few days!



## 2021-2022 KEY DATES

Friday 1st April—final Soccer 2000 club for KS2 this term (no club Friday 8th April)

Tuesday 5th April 3.30pm-5pm—virtual parents evening

Tuesday 5th April—Nursery Easter bonnet parade (in school only)

Wednesday 6th April—Pupil of the Term merit assembly

Wednesday 6th April—final Soccer 2000 club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 7th-Friday 8th April—Year 2 residential

Friday 8th April—Break up for Easter Holidays 3.15pm

Easter Holidays: Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April

Term time: Monday 25th April 2022—Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 25th April after school—Year 2 and Year 6 boosters

Monday 2nd May—Bank Holiday—school closed to children

Tuesday 3rd May—Year 2 and Year 6 boosters (final session)

Thursday 5th May—school closed to children for local elections

Week beginning May 9th—Year 6 SATS

Various dates within May—Year 2 SATS

Half term Monday 30th May 2022—Friday 3rd June 2022

Monday 6th June 2022 - School closed to children (additional holiday due to Queen's Jubilee)

Term time: Tuesday 7th June 2022—Friday 22nd July 2022

Week beginning 6th June—Year 1 phonics check week

Week beginning 6th June—Year 4 multiplication checks begin

Friday 1st July—INSET Day—School closed to children

## Edward the Elder moves from Pay360

Elston Hall Learning Trust will soon be moving to a new and improved Management Information System through a provider called **Arbor**. This transition will also see us move our online payments system, therefore **as of 31st March 2022 you will no longer be able to pay for school items through Pay 360**. Though the new system will bring parents and our schools many benefits, the process of migrating is a little complex and as such, **there will not be an online payment facility in place until we have fully integrated to Arbor, which will be early in May**. For this interim period only, **payments for school meals and trips will need to be via cash or cheque** (cheques can be made payable to the school's name, i.e., Edward the Elder Primary School). The new system will also include a parent app which we believe will be a fantastic addition to how we communicate with families. The app will allow you to access important information about your child in one place, get updates from school through notifications and make payments on the go. We will send out further information about Arbor nearer the time and we can assure you that families will be fully supported in managing the change.

Thank you as always for your continued support!

## Commonwealth club focus

After Easter, Soccer 2000 will continue to offer one club a week to each Key Stage but this term the theme of the sessions will centre around some Commonwealth sports in celebration of the games coming to Birmingham in the summer. Please see the attached letter to apply for a place in the clubs. Teacher clubs will return in the second part of Summer term, after boosters finish—more information to follow in May.