

Welcome back and I hope you all had a restful Summer. The children have all settled back into school well and are enjoying their new classes. Please use the school website to find out about diary dates and information for the following term - <https://www.elinginfant.co.uk/diary/grid/2023/09/> , also join our Facebook/ Instagram page for regular updates and reminders.

PTA

The PTA (parent teacher association) is an important part of school. These volunteers help raise money for the school to buy those 'little extras' that all our children deserve. If you think you have some time to give to help support events, raise money or make things to sell. Then we would love to see you on **Friday 22nd September at 2.15pm for coffee, cake and a catch up.**

Open days

If your child or anyone else's child you know is due to start school in September 2024 then please book into one of our open mornings:

October 9th and 10th between 9 and 11.30am

October 16th and 17th between 9 and 11.30am

November 1st and 2nd between 9 and 11.30am

Please book a slot via reception. We can offer alternative dates and times if needed. Poster attached.

FLU

Please look out for the separate email regarding your child's flu vaccination. The nurses will be in school on 5th October please follow the link within the email to give consent. The link contains more information about the vaccination, if you need further information please contact the immunisation team directly.

Attendance

The government expectation is that all children will be in school **every day** that they are well. Hampshire expects children to be in school at least **96%** of the year allowing for the fact that children do get poorly. If attendance falls below 90% your child will be categorised as a persistent absentee. This may lead to action being taken by the local authority. I understand that the last few years have been difficult, however in school we see a direct correlation between school attendance and academic progress.

Penguin Club – (Breakfast Club and Teatime club)

Please remember our Breakfast club is open from 7.30am each day.

If you wish to book into our Penguin club please see the office and make sure that we have received your signed booking form for this year. Remember Penguins can also be used on a casual basis.

Nuts

We have a number of children this year with a nut allergy so please can I remind you not to bring any food items in lunch boxes that have nuts in. Also due to the severity of the allergies please can I ask that you **do not send in sweets or cakes for birthdays**. I understand that this is something that the children enjoy but we need to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding.

Universal free school meals – If your circumstances have changed or if you think you are eligible please click on the link below:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

I Learn Sessions:

Year 1 and 2: Meet the Teacher: Wednesday 13th September 2.40pm

Reception: Working together for your child: Thursday 21st September 8.45am

Nursery: Friday 22nd September 8.45am

Many thanks
for your
continued
support

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