

I can't believe that we are near to the end of our first half term! All the children have settled well and looking forward to their much-deserved break.

Remember the **INSET** on **Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November**, we will see the children back after half term on **Tuesday 4th November**. See attached diary dates for November and December. Including Christmas events and Nativity days. **We look forward to seeing you all at the parent consultations this week to discuss how your child has settled at school and in their new class.**

PARKING: As the weather gets worse and more people may be using cars, please can I ask that you **DO NOT** park on the yellow zig zags, it is illegal to do so. These markings are there to ensure visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, and stopping on them is prohibited to prevent danger to children.

Harvest assembly and donations October 23rd

Harvest assembly is 2.30pm for Year 1 and 2 parents.

As is tradition at Eling we ask for donations of food at harvest time to help support the Basics Bank at Testwood Baptist Church. Please bring donations on Thursday 23rd October. Please find a list of their most wanted items sent out via email last week.

Attendance- Thank you

Thank you. Attendance at school this year has been fantastic so far.

Attendance for the first half term has been above the national figure of 96% for the majority of children Please see the school attendance policy which includes school procedures and the letter from all local schools about the local approach to attendance.

<https://www.elinginfant.co.uk/attendance>

Chartwells Caterers

We are absolutely delighted with our new caterers and the choice of foods that the children now have. It has been really encouraging the number of children who are accessing the new salad bar and trying new foods. Pasta and Jacket potatoes are available every day as well as two different options. We are keen for the children to vary their diet as we know that some children have jacket potatoes and pasta every day. Please spend some time looking at the menus with your children and discuss the various options. I am sure they will find something new that they would like to try.

<https://www.elinginfant.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=313&type=pdf>

Eligibility check for Free School Meals

Although all children in infant school receive universal free school meals you may be eligible for Free School Meals, this means that the school will receive additional funding to support your child and other additional benefits. You may qualify Free School Meals if you receive certain benefits. There may be parents whose circumstances have changed that may now qualify. To check follow the link

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Open day sessions – We look forward to seeing you

If your child or you know someone whose child is due to start school in September 2026, then please book a tour to look around our lovely school. Remaining Open days are on 4th, 5th and 6th November and 2nd December. If you wish to book a tour then please phone the school office on 02380 862267. Other times can be accommodated on request.

Many thanks
for your
continued
support

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Headteacher

Macmillan Cake Sale

On Friday 26th September we held a cake sale in school with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for all your support we managed to raise over £265. Thank you