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Congratulations to the following children who have received either an Assistant Head Teacher's/ Headteacher's Award this term:-

Year 3: Molly Atkinson, Frankie-James Brant, Emily Butler, Arthur Darby, Lexi D'Arcy, Tom Evans, Ethan Flatman, Jessica Gell, Caleb Holman, Mohammed Hussain, Emily Jones, Aaliyah Moth, Lily Neal, Wilfred Owen, Evie Perry, Grace Pocock, Jack Rivers, Grace Stone, Lily Trotter and Hayden White.

Year 4: Owen Cantlow, Harvey Carr, Riley Coyne, Isabella Hunt, Freddie Merifield, Neli Milcheva, Akira Olugbemi, Gabriella Palmer, Nathan Pennicott and Mia Pollard.

Year 5: Blake Ayres, Alfie Butcher, Billie Hamley, Yvaine Hart-Fitzgerald, Eva Cooke, Ibrahim Sayari and Jamie Smith.

Year 6: Phinley Anderson, Lexi Cambridge, Emily Dance, Liam Lock and Max Perry.

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Year 3

Year 3 have been great learners this half term! Our topic has been 'Are we There Yet?' Throughout the topic they have been learning about the timeline of transport, the history of bicycles and the Wright brothers who invented the aeroplane.

They have once again been great mathematicians whilst practising multiplication and division word problems using place value counters to help them. In literacy, the children have become news reporters and have been writing newspaper articles about the house from 'Up' lifting into the sky.

They have explored sensationalised vocabulary to make their writing even better and practised using reported speech.

Can we please remind you that library books are to be handed in every Tuesday for the children to change them. Colour bands must be in every day and the children can change them when they have finished reading it.

By ensuring colour band books are in each day, it allows the teacher to be able to assess whether their

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current colour band level is the correct one for them.

Year 4

The Year 4 pupils have shown a lot of interest in our new topic including the history of steam locomotives, the development of the railway system and different types of moving bridges. We are looking forward putting our new knowledge into practise as we construct our bridges. Thank you for sending in cereal boxes.

In Science, we have been exploring how sounds are made and sound conductors and insulators. We will be exploring how to change the volume and pitch of sounds next. We have also started our African Drumming workshops which the children are super-enthusiastic about.

In English we have been reading The Railway Children and exploring this classic story. We have also planned stories based on a book called 'The Journey' which the children are now writing. Next we will be performing poetry based on a poem called 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson.

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In Maths we have been learning the column method for adding and subtracting which many children have said they are really enjoying. Times Tables will be a main focus moving forward, so some extra practise would be a good idea.

PE days for Year 4 are generally Tuesday and Wednesday but this may change if the weather is poor. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including plimsolls or trainers every day just in case they are needed.

Year 5



This term we have started our Crime and Punishment topic. We are focusing on the Tower of London. Last Friday the children were very fortunate in having a visit from a Tower of London and Tudor expert, Richard. They learnt about the building of the Tower, what each level was used for and why the Tower was built the way it was. The children also heard stories about crime and punishment at the Tower and were shown armour of the Tudor times. The children had so many questions for Richard that we ended up having an extra-long session in the afternoon for Richard to answer them all! In Literacy we are looking at the different features of information leaflets ready for the children to write their own leaflets.

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It has been very interesting looking at the leaflets in great depth and finding out why certain elements are put in. In Maths we have been working our way through a decimals unit. Swimming lessons at Brune Park School have also started and already it has been lovely to see children's confidence grow and to see their eagerness to improve their skills. Thank you to everyone who has helped us to walk the children there and back for their lessons - it's hugely appreciated. Parents evening this week has been a success, however if you were unable to come on the two dates then please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to arrange a convenient time to see you.

Year 6



As we approach the start of SATs, I would like to start by taking a moment to say how incredibly proud of how hard the Year 6 children have worked in preparing themselves ready to take the tests. We have been revising key skills in arithmetic, ways to approach problem solving in maths and fine-tuning the skills needed to be successful in reading. The children are going into the week feeling relaxed and confident and we are certain they are going to do brilliantly!

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In writing, we have started a book called 'The Dream Snatcher' and the children have been immersing themselves in the story, exploring the characters, key themes that run throughout the book. We are giving the children opportunities to write, edit and improve their learning and we will continue to do this moving into the second half of the summer term.

Our topic for the last part of the term will continue to be WW2 and we will be doing lots of learning about this topic in preparation for the D-Day celebrations in school.

After half term we will also start rehearsing for the Year 6 production and the Year 6 leaver's assembly. The dates for this are on this newsletter and we will be in contact soon with further information.

Library

Please ensure your child/children bring their library books into school for exchanging or renewing on the following days:-

Monday - Year 5

Tuesday - Year 3

Wednesday - Year 6

Thursday - Year 4

Colour band/Reading scheme books can be exchanged on any day.

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Sports News



Our netball teams season has started amazingly well, we have played 5 games so far and all games have shown how incredible our team is this year. Thank you to all of the guest players that have played so far. As a team we have scored an incredible 76 goals (A team) and are currently sit at the top of the league with 15 points. Please see results below:

Elson A V Woodcot A: 16-0
Player of the match: Phoebe Hull

Elson B V Woodcot B: 11-0
Player of the match: Mya Grace Helbert

Lee On Solent V Elson 1-18
Player of the match: Olly Wilber

Grange V Elson: 0-24
Player of the match: Kiera-Louise Wiles

Alver Valley V Elson: 0-13
Player of the match: Mia Knight

Gomer V Elson: 4-7
Player of the match: Gaby Valkova

Keep up the good work and thank you to all the parents for their continued support. Our next match: A home game against Peel Common, Support is always welcome!

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Walk to School Week

This national event will run from Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May. Many families already walk to and from school every day and we thank you for setting such a good example. We would encourage those who usually drive to leave their cars at home and enjoy a healthy walk to school with your children. Please see if it is possible to make the walk to school part of your daily routine. There are many benefits from doing so: encouraging fitness and exercise, fresh air, less pollution and teaching essential pedestrian and road safety skills. Every child who takes part will receive stickers and a certificate.

Sports Day



Sports Day is coming around very quickly, as a school we have been busy practising all the events and I hope all the children are excited about meeting their Sports Day teams and participating on the day. Just a reminder that children are to wear a T- Shirts in the colours of their house teams. Good luck to all the children.

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There will be NO hot lunches on Sports Day, Friday 24th May. There will be Blue Dot, which is a vegetarian sausage and tomato sauce sandwich, selection of vegetable sticks, fresh fruit and sponge.

Dress Code

Just a reminder that all children are expected to wear the Elson School Uniform.

Shoes should not be 'casual' looking shoes, trainers or flip flops. Closed-toe sandals with a back strap, which secure the sole to the foot, are acceptable.

Also, earrings should be studs, and nail varnish should not be worn.



ELSON HEROES

Elson Heroes are starting to think about DDay. We went to a very interesting workshop at the SEARCH museum in Gosport where we immersed ourselves in 1944 Gosport. The children particularly enjoyed dressing up as characters from 1944 and talking to Anne who was 8 in 1944 Gosport. Next week we have some more visitors from the Gosport DDay Fellowship to join us for lunch and share their experiences.

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Elson Heroes will take inspiration from these events and each do a painting on canvas about DDay to display the SEARCH. On DDay, June 6th, we will be visting the commemorations at Hardway.

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ELSON EXPLORERS

Elson Explorers have really bonded as a group. This week we made slime.

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HAPPY LLAMAS

Happy Llamas took home the pillow cases they have been designing this week. We have been thinking about all the things we enjoy and the importance of happy thoughts before bed.

Happy Llamas are so hardworking and supportive of each other. Parents you should be very proud of your lovely children.

SCHOOL DIARY 2019

Week beg.	13.05.19	SATs Week Curriculum & Standards Meeting 1700-1900
Friday	17.05.19	Patch 'Break the Uniform Rule' Day
Monday	20.05.19	Whole Governing Body Meeting 1700-1900
Tuesday	21.05.19	Swimming starts for Yr 6 non-swimmers Base 1 Class Assembly 1445
Thursday	23.05.19	Polling Day - School Closed
Friday	24.05.19	Sports Day School breaks up for half-term 1515
Monday	03.06.19	School starts 0845 Base 6 Class Assembly 1445
Wednesday	05.06.19	Base 7 Class Assembly 1445
Thursday	06.06.19	D Day - Choir singing at Hardway
Week beg.	10.06.19	Bikeability Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri for Base 7DJ Base 4 Class Assembly 1445
Wednesday	12.06.19	Base 8 Class Assembly 1445 PATCH Fathers' Day Shop 1515
Friday	14.06.19	Class Photos am
Week beg.	17.06.19	Bikeability Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri for Base 8BY Resources Meeting 1700-1900
Tuesday	18.06.19	Base 2 Class Assembly 1445 Service children attending lunch at HMS Collingwood
Week beg.	24.06.19	Bikeability Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri for Base 9KW
Monday	24.06.19	Portsmouth Schools Music Festival
Friday	28.06.19	Friday Fun day Festival and Picnic
Monday	01.07.19	Curriculum & Standards Meeting 1700-1900
Tuesday	02.07.19	Base 3 Class Assembly 1445
Friday	12.07.19	Book Fair
Monday	15.07.19	Whole Governing Body Meeting
Monday	22.07.19	INSET Day 4
Tuesday	23.07.19	INSET Day 5
Wednesday	04.09.19	INSET Day 1
Week beg.	09.09.19	Yr 6 Residential to Osmington Bay
Monday	04.11.19	INSET Day 2
Thursday	07.05.20	INSET DAY 3 - Polling Day - School Closed
Monday	01.06.20	INSET Day 4
Friday	26.06.20	INSET Day 5