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BEGINNING SCHOOL



Beginning school is an exciting time for children and their families. It is a time of discovery and growth. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We see your child's development as a partnership between us and you and value your input. Please feel free to discuss your child's progress at anytime with the classroom teacher. We hope you will feel able to ask questions and discuss your concerns with us as we work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.



THE SCHOOL DAY

The school day starts at 9am. Children can come into class from 8.30am. The day is broken up into three one and a half hour sessions with morning break 10.30am - 11.00am, lunch 12.30pm - 1.30pm and the end of the school day being 3pm. Classes have a fruit break at 10am, We ask parents to provide children with a piece of fruit each day for this purpose. We try to encourage healthy food choices at school and lollies including fruit strings are not permitted.

ACTION STATIONS

Action Stations are held on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. This programme involves the whole junior school and gives children choices about the activities they will participate in. This programme has a strong focus on both oral and social skills. It is also a great opportunity for the teachers to get to know the children from other classes in a rich play orientated learning setting. Ask us more about it.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

Communication with the school is very important. School newsletters are delivered electronically and come home on a Friday afternoon. Paper versions are available in the school office. Teachers will regularly email you about what is happening in class and we encourage you to email the teacher back if you have questions. Every class has a seesaw page so you can see what your child has been up to and leave encouraging comments. The school Facebook page is also worth following. Text alerts of cancellations are available via the Skool Loop application, we recommend you download this to your phone. You are welcome to visit the classrooms. We want starting school to be a positive experience for both you and your child. I would encourage you to talk with your child's teacher at any time before or after school.

School Uniform

The School uniform is available for sale from the office. A price list is included in your pack. It is important that children wear the correct uniform and that you ensure it is well named.

Assemblies

Full school assemblies are held on Friday afternoons from 2.30pm - 3pm. These assemblies are hosted by different syndicates each week. You can find out when your child's class will be involved in hosting and sharing from the school newsletter. Junior assemblies are on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.40pm. These are held in Room 2 & 3. This is another opportunity for children to share their learning with parents and other classes.

Trips & Activities

Each term children take part in a variety of activities and trips. Parent help is often very important to make these trips successful. Requests for parent helpers are a common feature of class emails and newsletters.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

The School offers both Elmgroves and a shorter classroom visit programme. Elmgroves is a familiarisation to school programme. Children are encouraged to attend in the term before they start school. This is very interactive and helps children get to know what school is about and become familiar with the other children and teachers they will work with when they start school. There is further information about this programme in your pack. The School also provides class visits which are held in the classroom children will be placed in when they start. Children learn about the school day and work with the other children who will be in their class when they start. Please ask us about both of these options for your child.



HOME READING

Children will bring a book home to read everyday. They may also have some letters and or basic words to learn. We appreciate the time you take to share these activities with your child. This is a great way for you to share in what your child is learning at school. This should be a fun and happy time as children re-read books they have read with their teachers at school. Please encourage your child to have a go.



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We look forward to your child joining us here at Elmgrove. Here is some information you may find useful as you start your time with us.

