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I hope that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas break and were able to enjoy all the extra time with your family and friends. Thank you to all the parents, governors, staff and children who turned up to help clear the site after all the snow, it was very much appreciated and even got us on the front page of the Daily Telegraph!

Inset Day

The school will be closed on Monday 25th January 2010 for staff training.

After School Clubs

The After School clubs commenced on Monday 18th January 2010. Please make sure your child has given in their timetable to the school office if they wish to do any clubs. The fun club will start next Tuesday, if you have any unwanted board games, please bring them in to the school office.

Pantomime - Monday 18.01.10

In the morning all the children watched M&M Productions performing 'Robin Hood'.

Contact Details

Please let the school office know if you have changed your telephone number or address and if you are signed up to Parentmail, please ensure you update them with any changes to your mobile number or e-mail address.

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CONGRATULATIONS



Elson Blue

James Hensman 5HK

Elson Green

Gemma Audus 5HK

School Dinners

School dinners cost £2.00 per day, £10.00 for the week. Please ensure you pay for meals on a Monday, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class number.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school office to let us know why by 10.00 the same day. You can leave a message on the answer machine before 08.30. If we have not heard from you by 10.00 we will contact you. This ensures that both parents and school know where a child is.

Osmington Bay Residential Visit for current Year 5 - September 2010

There are still a lot of parents who have not responded to the above trip currently being organised. If your child would like to go on this trip, we need a non-refundable deposit of £35 by Tuesday 26th January at the latest.

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Pupil Progress Meetings

These will be after half-term on Thursday 25th February from 1530-1830pm and Monday 1st March from 1700-2000pm. There will be a separate letter for appointments coming out next week for you to complete and return to your child's teacher.



Coffee Morning

Friday 29th January 9:00 - 10:00am

Hi, my name is Lyn Scott and I am the Parent Support Advisor (PSA) for the Brune Park cluster of schools. What does this mean? Well it means that I am here to support you as parents and carers. Being parents can be a tough job and from time to time we all need some help, that's where I come in. I can offer advice and support on a range of issues and if I don't have the answer I will try to find someone who has. I will be running a coffee morning at Elson Junior School on Friday 29th January 9:00 - 10:00, where I will be talking about Triple P, which is a course for parents. I would also like to use this first Coffee Morning as a chance to meet you all and have a bit of a chat to find out what support you would like from me in the future.

I hope to see you there.

Lyn Scott

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Year 4 Visit to Fort Brockhurst

Year 4 had a fantastic morning on Wednesday 20th January at Fort Brockhurst. The aim of the visit was to inspire the children and provide a stimulus for drawing. The children had the opportunity to sketch real Roman artefacts and explore aspects of Roman life. They particularly enjoyed meeting the artist in residence, who gave them a tour around his studio and explained how to create a masterpiece! The children were surprised to find out that some pieces of art can take up to 9 years to complete! Year 4 worked extremely hard and behaved wonderfully.



Year 5 Trip to Intech Planetarium

On Wednesday 20th January, Year 5 went to the Intech Planetarium. As soon as we arrived, we went to the Planetarium for an amazing show. The lady explained clearly about space and the place we live. She also told us about the stars, pictures and shapes we can expect to see on a clear night. After the show, we were able to look round the museum and we could touch and play with the experiments. We then had a chance to go to the gift shop and see or buy some of the fun and wacky stuff to play or experiment with.

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All too soon, the visit came to an end and we boarded the coach to go back to school. We all had a thoroughly good time and wouldn't mind going again.
Madeline Bishop 7SK



Football Team

The football team played against Alverstoke Junior School on Thursday evening but unfortunately lost 3-1. Our team however did play really well and our Men of the Match were Mark Lloyd and James Douglass.

TOKENS

We are collecting:

Flora - Cooking with Schools to buy cooking equipment

Sainsburys Active Vouchers to buy sporting and cooking equipment.

Tesco Sports Tokens to purchase sports equipment.

Box Tops for Books



You can see the sorts of books we can get by looking at the web site www.boxtops4books.co.uk.

Computers for Schools to purchase computer equipment.



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Used Stamps



These are given to the Cancer Ward at Southampton General Hospital to help buy items for their patients.

Ofsted Report

We are delighted with our recent Ofsted report and would like to thank all the parents who returned their parent questionnaires and the positive responses we received. The Evening News will be doing a story of our achievement shortly so keep a look out.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PATCH

The current committee of PATCH are standing down due to personal and work commitments. Therefore, in order to continue to provide the children of Elson Junior School with discos, Mother's and Father's Day shops, Summer and Xmas Fayres etc, we need to form a new committee to organise the above fundraising events. This consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Vice-Secretary and Treasurer. We have a small, dedicated group of helpers but if the PATCH committee is to continue, we require more parents to be involved. There will be a meeting after school in the near future, (date to be confirmed) but if you are interested in joining the committee, please give your name, contact details and position you are interested in to the ladies in the school office.

Elson Junior School 2010 Diary

Day	Date	Event
Monday	04.01.10	Spring Term begins
Monday	18.01.10	M & M Productions - Robin Hood (for whole school to see)
Wednesday	20.01.10	Year 5 Visit to Intech Planetarium (please provide packed lunch)
Monday	25.01.10	INSET Day 3 - school closed
Wednesday	27.01.10	Year 3 Victorian Day and Visit to Fort Brockhurst (please provide packed lunch)
Week beg.	15.02.10	Half Term to 19.02.10
Thursday	25.02.10	Pupil Progress Meetings 1530 - 1830
Monday	01.03.10	Pupil Progress Meetings 1700 - 2000
Friday	19.03.10	INSET Day 4 - school closed
Week beg.	22.03.10	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court Palace (details to follow)
Thursday	01.04.10	Easter Services
Friday	02.04.10	2 week Easter Break to 19.04.10
	19.04.10	Summer Term Begins
Monday	03.05.10	May Bank holiday
Week beg.	10.05.10	SATs week
Friday	21.05.10	Sports Day and Family Picnic
Friday	28.05.10	INSET Day 5 - school closed
Week beg.	31.05.10	Half Term to 04.06.10
Thursday	10.06.10	Pupil Progress Meetings 1530 - 1830
Friday	11.06.10	Reserve Date for Sports Day and Family Picnic if wet on 21.05.10
Monday	14.06.10	Pupil Progress Meetings 1700 - 2000
Week beg.	21.06.10	Upper School Productions
Monday	12.07.10	Report Parent Drop In 1530 - 1730
Wednesday	14.07.10	Football Team vs Male Mentors
Thursday	22.07.10	Choir Concert 1530
Friday	23.07.10	Last day of term
Friday	23.07.10	Summer Break to 06.09.10