

# Elm Class

A very warm welcome to Elm Class 2023-24!

We are excited to have a new class of Reception and Nursery children.

Our whole school topic this term is 'Humankind.' We will be learning 'All about me.' The first few weeks will be spent getting to know your child, supporting new friendships and learning routines. When your child is settled in, we will begin our Baseline assessment for Reception. The Baseline is our chance to see what your child can do independently and record this on a school assessment data program. This data will be shared with you in a Pupil Progress meeting later in the term.

As your child has not begun to read words yet, we do ask that your child is read to at home throughout the week, ideally a 15 minute daily story time. Children learn new vocabulary by listening to their adults read. If you come across a word that your child hasn't heard before, spend time explaining its meaning. There is a wealth of educational research that links vocabulary to future life success. So, this is the time to introduce as many new words as possible.

Hopefully, you have all got an online account set up for Tapestry. This will be used to share any 'WOW' moments with you. It can also be used by you, to share your child's achievements. Please can you post a weekly video/photo of something your child can talk about. It could be a favourite toy, a pet or an outing. This really helps to build your child's confidence. (If you are not able to access Tapestry, please let us know)

PE will be outdoors this half term, please bring your child's named PE kit and leave it at school. It will be on a Wednesday and for both Reception and Nursery. They may wear plimsolls or trainers.

All Reception children are entitled to a free school meal every day. They will also get a piece of fruit and a glass of milk. It would be great if you could supply your child with a healthy afternoon snack too. If you have any further questions, please talk to Miss Wright.

Thank you from Miss Wright and the EYFS team



## Weekly Events

### Daily

### Wednesday – PE

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September-**  
Celebration Assembly 8.45 in the school hall, please wait at the main gate.

All parents welcome.

**9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent Consultations **TBC**

**17<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Festival service at the church p.m **TBC**