



Diary Dates:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to complete our first full week with all the children in school. It is our first since March and our celebration assembly films felt very special.

There is a lot of information in the newsletter today. We are trying really hard not to send you emails during the week and save the newsletter as the place for information sharing. If you would like other 'priority 1' contacts to receive this email, with their permission please provide the school with an email address.

If you are a Junior parent, [please see the attached letter](#) regarding a significant change to the drop off/pick up arrangements. Due to our road safety concerns on The Dell with 3 near misses this week, we have made the decision to implement a one-way system around the Junior site, which fortunately we have the capacity to do. It is still a detailed operation so please read it carefully.

Our Infant school drop off is much smoother and we will continue with the current arrangements for the time being.

However, in light of government changes coming in to place for gatherings, we are requesting that from Monday, all parents and carers wear masks/face coverings to pick up and drop off their children at both schools. All supervising staff during these times will do the same to protect you too. Obviously this is a request and we understand there may be medical reasons etc., why this is not possible, but if we can protect each other in this way please do.

Reporting absence and symptoms

Junior parents should telephone the Junior School Absence Line on 0117 377 2266 option 2 by 9:15am. Please call every day that your child is absent.

Infant parents should telephone the Infants School Office on 0117 377 2352.

Please be very clear when reporting an absence what symptoms your child is displaying. If your child has a swab test, please let us know the date of this also as we have to record this information.

Thank you so much again for your cooperation.

**Lorraine Wright
Executive Headteacher**

[PTA](#)

I would like to thank the retiring PTA Committee members for all their hard work over the duration of their membership. During these unprecedented times they have been unable recruit new members to take this valuable association forward in the coming year, this means that we don't currently have an active PTA. If you are able to spare time to raise valuable funds for our pupils, please contact me via the School Office junior@elmleaschoolstrust.com. The retiring PTA will be on hand to offer initial support.

Tucasi/SCOPay

If you have not yet linked your child's account to Tucasi/SCOPay, please do so as soon as possible.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great week, launching into the topic of 'The Blitz' aptly on the 80th anniversary and getting back into the routines and expectation of lessons. They have all brought home their own timetable outlining when they are doing PE and other subjects. They should come dressed in PE kit for their outside games lesson with their teacher and just wear trainers for other 2 sessions. They should bring a reading book in with them every day but keep their reading record at home ready to be uploaded to seesaw on a Monday. All children should have received their updated seesaw code for this year - if not, please email their teacher. Next week we will start our writing unit on a story called Rose Blanche - a fictional child living in Germany during WWII and in maths we will revisit number and place value.

[Leaflet with Information from Bristol City Council re Secondary Transfer](#)

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been busy learning about our new topic, The Blitz! As part of this, we looked at artefacts from WW2 and posed deductive questions about them. The teachers have all been very impressed with Year 5's interest and engagement in the topic as many pupils have shared their own family histories, research and reading that they have been doing at home. Well done Year 5!

Children should come to school in their **PE kit** on the days that they have their PE lesson:

5B Monday and Wednesday, **5L** Wednesday and Thursday, **5K**, Tuesday and Wednesday



Year 4

We have been very impressed with how the children are settling into our new school routines. They are approaching the school day with a positive attitude and are developing their growth mindsets.

Well done to everyone who remembered their PE kit. A reminder of the days you need to wear it to school:

4H - Monday & Tuesday, **4B** - Tuesday & Wednesday, **4W** - Tuesday & Thursday

Please refer to the [Lower School Homework Letter](#) for information about how homework will be organised this year. Your child has been given a letter with their updated Seesaw login details. Please keep this safely at home.

Year 3

We are really enjoying getting to know the new Year 3 and they are settling into the Juniors brilliantly. We have been impressed with their resilience and positive attitude - what a great start to the year!

Children should come to school in their **PE kit** on the days that they have their PE lesson:

3G: Tuesday and Thursday, **3S**: Monday and Thursday, **3W**: Wednesday and Thursday

This will minimise the number of bags children need to bring to school and movement within the classroom for changing. If the children have an after-school activity such as Forest School, they can bring in the clothing they need and change at the end of the day.

Following the successful launch of **Seesaw** across the school last year, we will be continuing with this over the next academic year. We will be using Seesaw as a learning journal and to assign and monitor weekly homework tasks. Please keep your login details safe!

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We are really looking forward to working with the children and getting to know your families this year!

Miss Greer, Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Cracknell, Year 3 Teachers

Year 2

Year 2 teachers have been impressed by the way the new Year 2 children have come into their new classrooms and have settled into learning.

We have enjoyed reading 'The Great Explorer' book by Chris Judge and are excited to find out about different explorers over the next term.

ACTION:

Year 2 parents please check on Seesaw for this term's spelling list and explanation of how the spellings will work this term.

Year 1

Dear Year One parents and carers,

We are so impressed by how well everyone in Year One has settled back into school and how well the children are getting used to all the new routines. We are so excited to be here and are loving getting to know you all. We've enjoyed learning the story of the Tortoise and the Hare and acting it out in the classrooms. Maybe you could share this at home.

From the Year One team

Reception

We are delighted that our new Reception children have settled so well into school life and are all enjoying their mornings or afternoons. It is wonderful to see them so happy and eager to arrive and thank you for all your support with this. They have enjoyed painting, playing in the grassy area, listening to stories and playing games together alongside their new friends.

- Keep an eye out on your tapestry accounts as we will be sending home observations we have recorded during your child's first week at school. We welcome your comments back on your child's start at school.
- Please ensure grapes are cut up into quarters if you are sending them as a fruit snack.

Many thanks the Reception Team

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The Downs Loop: A proposal from the team at Cycle Sunday

Would you like better paths for family-friendly cycling around the Downs?

Please visit www.thedownslloop.com to find out more and fill in our short survey. Your views are important to us. Our public consultation runs until the 30th September.