



Elmlea Schools' Trust

Newsletter Issue 5

Friday 2nd October

Dear parents and carers,

Our senior team, as part of their monitoring this week, have visited (in a Covid safe way), classes across the Trust and spent time talking to children. The overwhelming feedback has been that the children are happy, enjoying being in school and there is so much purposeful learning going on in every classroom. Thank you to our staff team who make this possible and thank you to you for the many ways you support your children, which in turn supports all we are striving to do for the children of Elmlea every day.

Covid-19

This week was our first confirmed case of Covid-19. As I communicated to you all, once the DfE have given their advice regarding which pupils and staff should self-isolate, we will text parents of those children affected to come and collect their child immediately. We will then send an email to all our school families notifying them that there has been a confirmed case and in which class. A big thank you to the families of children in 5K, who all came within 30 minutes when this happened on Wednesday.

We have had a few questions about returning to school lunches in the dining hall. Although one year group will go into our halls at a time, **there will be no mixing of classes**. The classes will sit at least 2m from other classes within their year group whilst in the hall. The children will sit only with their class and all windows and where possible doors will be open to allow ventilation.

Parent-teacher meetings (Infants)

Our online meetings take place for parents of children in the Infants next week on Tuesday and Thursday evening. You will be sent your codes on Monday for logging in and we will be using Zoom, as our Microsoft Teams set up has not been finalised for these meetings.

School lunches

Following feedback from you we have asked Aspens, our Junior school caterers, to ensure there are meat options throughout the week for you to choose from. This has now been amended so please make your choices again if this is what you had wanted to see.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Reminder	Flu Vaccinations	Infant: Wed 14th Oct Junior: Thurs 15th Oct
Reminder	Individual Photos	Please remember to order your photos through Tulip , details are on the flyer sent home with your child's individual code. Contact Tulip on 01934 708202 if you have any questions.
Reminder	School Lunch	Please remember to order your Junior child's lunch via the Aspens website before 9:30am

Studybugs

Parents, please be aware that Elmlea Schools' Trust **does not** use Studybugs. We have become aware that the company are allowing parents to use their services to notify us if your child is absence. This has not been set up by the Trust and we will not accept this as notification of your child's absence.

If your child will be absent from school, you should call either the Infant Office on 0117 3772352 or the Junior Office on 01173772266 and leave a message on the absence line before 9:15am on each day of absence.

Chartwells and Aspens Select: This week Bristol City Council Food Standards Agency inspected our Infant and Junior kitchens and awarded Maria and Pam and their teams the top mark of 5. Congratulations Pam and Maria. It's delightful to see the orders for school meals in the Junior school increasing now that we are slowly returning to our new normal. It's good to see the hot meal option is being booked for the children as the colder months return. Sadly the promotion to bulk buy your Aspens lunch is no longer running, but you will still be able to book your child's lunch for the full term.



Bristol City Council contractors will be carrying out improvement works on the public right of way (BCC/115) which partly runs alongside Elmlea Junior School. The works – resurfacing of part of the path and installation of a handrail – will be taking place at the upper, Cote Lane end of the path rather than alongside the school boundary, but our contractors will require access via the school drive from their compound/welfare which will be located on The Dell.

The path will need to be temporarily closed from Cote Lane to the steps [as per the attached map](#). In order to minimise disruption to parents and pupils using the path, the resurfacing work will be taking place in w/c 26th October – half term. The handrail installation may carry over into the following week but path users will be able to pass through along the path during this part of the works.

Formal Temporary Traffic Regulation Order notices will be put up at either end of the path confirming the works and closure two weeks in advance.

Mrs Wilson, (Junior Science Co-ordinator) would like to recommend [David Attenborough's 'A Life on Planet Earth'](#) to the children it is being shown on Netflix on 4th October.

Mrs Wilson Year 3 Class Teacher



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Year Group News

Reception

Reception have had another great week. We have been learning the sounds m-d-g and consolidating the sounds we have already learnt. In maths we have been working with numbers up to 10, representing numbers in different ways. We have also been learning harvest songs, look out for them on Tapestry.



- Next week we will start hot school dinners. We would encourage you to support your child with using a knife and fork at home as we will be doing this in school.
- We are looking forward to talking to you all during parents evening next week. This will be a good opportunity for us to let you know how your child has settled and their next steps for learning.
- We are planning to make junk musical instruments in Reception. Could we please ask that if you have any of the following 'junk' at home that the children bring it in ready to be quarantined for 3 days by next Wednesday 7th October. Items we will be using: plastic straws, plastic/metal bottle tops, plastic cups, balloons.

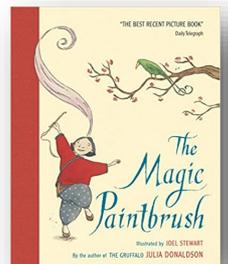
Thank you for sending in painting aprons and Wellington boots.

Many thanks, the Reception Team

Emma Bradshaw, School Health Nurse is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting, please refer to the email sent to parents of reception children on Thursday 1st October. Topic: Parents Transition Session Time: Oct 12, 2020 13:00

Year 1

Another great week in Year One. The children have enjoyed learning the classic traditional tale [The Magic Paintbrush](#) and we've had lots of fun imagining what we would paint if we had a paintbrush that magically brought images to life. As you can imagine, dinosaurs, toys, unicorns and rainbows have all been very popular. We've also been learning more about partitioning numbers into tens and units and learning about place value. Perhaps they could explain why they'd rather have 51 sweets instead of 15!



Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week we have been thinking about Autumn and the signs of change all around our beautiful school grounds.



We have used oil pastels to carefully draw foxes for an Autumn display in the hall.

We have been thinking about how Tom in our book 'The Great Explorer' felt at different times during the story and used feelings graphs to show his feelings.

Year 2 Team

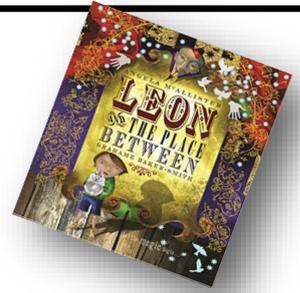
Year 3

Year 3 have been thinking about all things magical in English this week. We are reading [Leon and the Place Between](#) (which tells the story of a boy who gets transported into a magical space) and have been learning new writing techniques to help us with our own magical setting description.

In maths, we have been recapping our number bonds to 10, using those to help us with number bonds to 100 and to help us partition numbers to make them easier to add mentally. Thank you to Y3 parents for helping us launch Mathletics successfully.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about SELF-ESTEEM. Learning what this means, how we can improve it and all of the things that make us unique and should be celebrated.

We are carrying on our search for the Top Tudor this week by researching the infamous Henry VIII. Will he make it to the top of our leader board?



Year 3 Team

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been painting their Tudor roses, which will be coming home shortly. We have also been working hard on animations using the app Keynote, linked to our English text *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. We will be putting these on the website next week.



Thank you to everyone for having their first go at Mathletics this year. There is an updated app or the website is www.mathletics.com/uk. For homework this week, the children need to visit www.languagenut.com to complete the French activities set by Mme Turvey. Their login details have been given out and are also on their Seesaw journals.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week, we were delighted to have listened to John and Diana, Mrs Knott's in-laws experience of The Blitz as part of our History lesson. We recognised places they discussed as they lived near Elmlea. As part of the lesson we learnt what primary and secondary sources are as well as finding out lots of interesting information. You will be surprised if you ask me what they found in their drawers



Year 5 Team

Year 6

As part of our history topic, Year 6 have had a wonderful opportunity to hear first-hand how the bombing raids of WW2 affected local residents here in Bristol. They listened brilliantly and learnt a lot. We have completed our setting descriptions and are hoping for response from the author of Rose Blanche. In maths, we have secured our addition and subtraction methods and will be moving onto multiplication next week.



A polite reminder - In Year 6 we expect the children to take responsibility for their own homework, making sure it is fully complete (instructions read carefully) and uploaded to Seesaw by the due date.

Year 6 Team

Year 6 Secondary transfer information (previously emailed to the parents of all year 6 pupils) can be found by [clicking here](#). Time to apply for your Year 7 place at Secondary School! [Click here](#)

Cotham virtual open evening [can be found here](#).

Bristol Free School virtual open tour [can be found here](#).

The BGS Virtual open day information [can be found here](#).

Redland Green School virtual open tour [can be found here](#).

Redmaids' High virtual open day information [can be found here](#).