



# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 11 Friday 20th November

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for supporting our odd socks day to mark the start of our anti-bullying week. It really felt like a whole school celebration of difference, to match the vast range of jolly socks.



Our theme this year is “United against Bullying” with assemblies and sessions delivered throughout the week, which focused on supporting and developing the children’s knowledge with regards to this complex subject. The children have been taught in an age appropriate way: different types of bullying, what to do if you are being bullied and especially what to do if you see it happening.

Our child friendly anti-bullying policy has also been shared with the children, which was written by the Junior School Council last year. [Click this link to view](#)

Although we have really focused this week on anti-bullying, we are not complacent for the rest of the academic year and the children are regularly reminded of the key messages reinforced this week.

Please talk to your child about anti-bullying and what they have learnt this week, as this will reinforce their learning as they explain it to you.

### Children using messaging

Please ensure that you regularly monitor and read messages your children are sending and receiving online. This might be through online games or via a messaging facility on phones, tablets, computers. Messaging online especially between groups of children requires maturity and understanding which many primary age children may find hard to navigate. We do teach the children about behaviour online but they will still need your guidance at home.

### Dogs

Please can all dogs, unless a guide dog, be left at home if possible, at drop off and pick up. Please do not leave your dog unsupervised outside school whilst you are picking up or dropping off children, for obvious safety reasons, this can be distressing for your dog too. We also have some children who are currently really scared of dogs and parents report their children becoming upset on the way in or out of school when the dogs are there, “waiting” for them.

**Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher**

As a school, we are aware that some of our pupils engage in the use of an app called TikTok, even with its age 13 limit. For those parents that allow this, we would recommend reading this link which shares some of the new ways that TikTok are helping to make it a safer experience for your child. <https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-gb/supporting-youth-and-families-on-tiktok-uk>

### Children In Need

Our total raised was a whopping £2344! Thank you so much to all of the families who contributed so generously. Our usual total is approximately £600, so thank you again for your generosity at a time when we know it is tough for everyone.



### Wesport Virtual Winter Games

Last week the children competed against each other in completing the figure of 8 challenge where they tried to pass a ball between their legs as many times as they could in 1 minute. This required a lot of concentration and resilience to carry on trying to complete the challenge even if they dropped the ball. Of course Elmlea children rose to the challenge as all children tried their best to get their highest score, well done for everyone who took part and congratulations to the following children who achieved the top score in their year;

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Cardinal 3W Flora 3W	Eddie 4B Eleanor 4B	Owen 5L Jess 5L	Lexi 6L Sam C 6L Daniel 6L

Mrs Paterson, Head of PE & Sport

### Music

The upper school are busy preparing a short Christmas video for all to enjoy. We will be recording the week beginning 30th November.

**Year 5** will be creating their own decorations and accessories during golden time.

**Year 6** will need to provide a few simple costumes, if possible: -

**6S** - school trousers or skirt, white t shirt/ jumper/ shirt and one silver accessory (hat/ scarf/ tinsel/ hairband etc.)

**6B** - school uniform, fun Christmas headband (choice of xmas tree/ antlers/ snowman etc.)

**6L** - school uniform, Santa hat

The children should bring them into school please in a named bag on Monday 30th November.

They have worked so hard in their lessons this week. Please encourage them to learn the words of their songs at home. Lyrics are on Seesaw.

Many of you have successfully registered your son/daughter for instrumental lessons and we are now working on the timetables. If you are still experiencing difficulties booking lessons, we have been advised by BPM to contact them directly on [bookings@bristolbeacon.org](mailto:bookings@bristolbeacon.org)

Elinor Parkes, KS2 Music Coordinator

**Tech Camp** is here for the Christmas holidays with festive themed activities including *Electronic Christmas Cards, 3D Baubles and Festive Movie Editing!* We are running on **21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> December** at **Elmlea Junior School**, from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

Our technology camps are your child's ticket to another world, with lots of exciting activities for curious coders, inventors and artists. Kids can learn how to program *artificial intelligence robots*, *modify madness with Minecraft* and even create their own *digital app!* The camps are designed to help children acquire in-demand skills from a young age, which will be needed for their future jobs market.

For more information, [please see flyer](#). **Spaces are limited due to social distancing** and work on a **first come first serve** basis. To check availability or to enrol simply visit: <https://nextthing.shortcm.li/FnVe8i>

Covid-19 safety – please watch our video to see how we made our camps safe and secure this Summer, the same protocols will remain in place for our Christmas Camps. <https://nextthing.shortcm.li/mF6Djy>

<b>**Reminder**</b>	<b>Winter Jumper Day</b>	<b>Friday 11th December</b> —£1 to school fund, further details to follow.
<b>**Reminder**</b>	<b>Winter Jumper Christmas Dinner Day</b>	Year 3 & 4 Winter Jumper Christmas Dinner Day Tuesday 15 December
<b>**Reminder**</b>	<b>Winter Jumper Christmas Dinner Day</b>	Year 5 & 6 Winter Jumper Christmas Dinner Day Wednesday 15 December

**Cathedral Schools Trust** is currently consulting on admissions arrangements for all the schools within the Trust. The consultation will run from Monday 16th November 2020 to midday on Tuesday 5th January 2021. [Please click this link for further details.](#)

Please see attached link for information on a Free Online Parent Workshop on Preventing and Managing Anxiety, Nov 23 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am :

<https://bristolchildparentsupport.co.uk/event/free-online-parent-workshop-on-preventing-and-managing-anxiety/>

#### **Elmlea Christmas Trees 2020 – Message from the PTA**

We are pleased to inform you that Christmas Trees will be available to order online but have to be collected from the Junior School carpark on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Please only come at your allotted time as follows:

- Reception and Year 1** - 4.15pm to 4.45pm
- Year 2 and Year 3** - 4.45pm to 5.15pm
- Year 4 and Year 5** - 5.15pm to 5.45pm
- Year 6** - 5.45pm to 6.15pm
- General public (as result of leaflet drop)** - 6.15pm to 7.00pm



The Christmas Trees we have available are:

- Non-drop Nordman 150-175cm £32
- Non-drop Nordman 175-200cm £36
- Non-drop Nordman 200-225cm £44

- Sustainable Norwegian Spruce 150-175cm £25
- Sustainable Norwegian Spruce 175-200cm £27

*(all Trees will be sold on a first ordered, first served basis).*

Please use this link [pta-events.co.uk/Eisa](https://pta-events.co.uk/Eisa) to order and pay for your Christmas Tree in advance, the deadline is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.

All profit to the Elmlea Infant and Elmlea Junior PTAs, please support us.

**This week we would like to introduce you to the members of the Local Governing Bodies.**

The Local Governing Bodies meet together as a joint committee on a termly basis and are responsible for specific areas that have been delegated by the Board of Trustees including:

Maintaining and improving Standards and Achievement.

Providing support and challenge in regard to the Schools Improvement Plan.

Providing support in relation to safeguarding.

**Susan Tetlow**

**Term of Office 21 August 2018 to 20 August 2022**

Susan joined the team of Elmlea Junior School trustees in August 2018. She is a junior doctor, having trained in London she is now specialising in Anaesthetics and works in Bristol. Susan has a son at primary school and enjoys spending her free time cooking, being outdoors and campervanning.



**Ria Burridge**

**Term of Office 12 Dec 2018 to 11 Dec 2022**

**Safeguarding Governor**

Ria has served as parent governor since December 2018. She has two children, a daughter and son who attend Elmlea Junior and Infant school respectively. She is a qualified accountant with over 20 years experience and is a partner at a south west accountancy firm. She brings financial, operational and management experience to the Board of Governors. In her free time Ria enjoys sport, reading and generally being outdoors!



**Liz Rees**

**Term of Office 19 May 2020 to 18 May 2024**

**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities; Mental Health & Well-being Governor**

I qualified as a Clinical Psychologist 18 years ago and specialise in Child and Adolescent Mental Health. In recent years I have begun to work more with health and education systems, driven by a real interest in collaboration and how this can ensure the best outcomes for children. I currently work part time in a specialist school for young people on the Autistic Spectrum.

I am delighted to be able to work with the Elmlea School's Trust. I have two children (twins) in year 2 and one child in year 5. In my 'spare' time I love to garden, walk our family dog and eat out.



**Tom Fletcher, Clerk to the Board of Trustees and its committees**

Tom has worked as a Learning Support Assistant in the Junior School since November 2018 and took on the role of Clerk to the Board of Trustees in January 2020. He has two children of primary age and enjoys camping, cycling and board games.





# Year Group News

## Reception

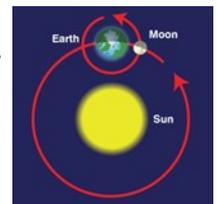
This week we have learnt a lot about friendships during anti-bullying week and learnt about the Hindu celebration of Diwali.

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has a warm coat and any hats or gloves are named to avoid them getting lost.

Many thanks, The Reception Team

## Year 1

In Year One this week we have been learning all about day and night and we learnt some great facts about the Sun, the Earth and the Moon. Perhaps you could talk to your child and ask them to explain how these words link to other: Sun/Earth/Orbit; Light/Shadow/Day/Night; Rotate/Earth/Day. See how much they remember!

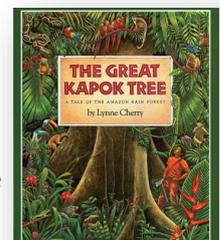


We have continued to look at addition and subtraction and have used our number bonds to explore number families, such as 10, 7 and 3; using just these numbers, can you find two addition facts and two subtraction facts? If you're stuck, ask your children to help you ☺

Year 1 Team

## Year 2

In Year 2 this week we've been using our rainforest topic book 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry which explores the story of a group of Amazon rainforest animals trying to protect their kapok tree from being chopped down. This has led on to lots of passionate discussions about deforestation and the children have been writing engaging persuasive sentences about the negative effects of destroying our beautiful rainforests.



Year 2 Team

### Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have started looking at Tudor diaries. We identified the features of a Tudor servant's diary and have been learning more about the different features and how to use them. In maths, we have been applying our knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division to solve worded problems. We are becoming much more confident at using different pieces of equipment to help us with our calculations. For Golden Time, we created our artwork for our annual collaborative festive display in the hall. We have been watching the Year 6 House Captain presentations and have voted for our favourites. Well done for another successful week!



Year 3 Team

### Year 4

This week it has been anti-bullying week, where we have focused on our anti-bullying policy as well as understanding the importance of supporting others and looking out for one another.

In year 4 this week, we have been looking at fractions and it's link with division in maths. Next week, we will be moving onto decimals. Our DT buggies are very nearly finished and they all looking very professional. In English, we have continued looking at the various different elements of suspense writing ready for next week where will be writing our own, so keep an eye out for them on SeeSaw. Great work this week Year 4, well done!

Year 4 Team

### Year 5

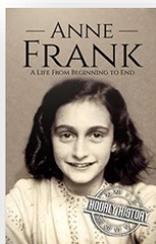
To celebrate anti-bullying week, Year 5 have enjoyed doing lots of tasks to promote strategies to be inclusive and to prevent bullying. We have discussed big topics like 'institutional racism', 'direct and indirect bullying' and also the importance of not being a bystander when someone is being bullied. As part of this, pupils really enjoyed watching a video production to promote the message 'Choose Respect' and also designed anti-bullying posters. Great work Year 5!



Year 5 Team

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 practised their sewing skills. We had to be purple learners and remember to be resilient, patient, problem solvers and quickly learn from our mistakes! We have also thoroughly enjoyed learning about Anne Frank as part of our topic. Our Maths has been tricky as there are a lot of steps to follow when calculating with fractions. We will carry on with this next week as we multiply and divide fractions. We have started a big writing unit showcasing all the facts we have learnt about daily life during WWII. Our homework this week will add to this knowledge, ready for us to turn it into a non-chronological report.



Year 6 Team.