



# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 12 Friday 27th November

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a lovely week in school . We remain determined that our usual Winter and Christmas traditions will still be going ahead albeit in a slightly different way. We will be sharing these via films with you at the end of term.

## Winter clothing

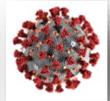
Winter weather has well and truly arrived this week with frosty starts to the day. Please ensure your children are warmly dressed as classrooms are slightly cooler as windows remain open, (although the heating is on) and children are outside as much as possible.



For all Junior children, please ensure joggers are worn over their PE shorts on their PE days. Yesterday some children arrived in school with very short, flimsy PE shorts on and were understandably extremely cold whilst inside and outside throughout the school day.

## Covid absence.

Thank you to you all for your vigilance in ensuring that your children do not come to school if they are showing any Covid symptoms. However, please also ensure that if **anyone** in your family is displaying any Covid symptoms, then the **whole family** must self-isolate until the test results have been returned to you.



## INSET days.

Please note Bristol City Council have agreed schools can have 2 additional INSET days for staff training this academic year as Covid has had such a significant impact on staff training and development. We made the decision **not** to have the days at the beginning of this academic year as many schools chose to, as we were ready to reopen to welcome the children into school as soon as possible after the summer holidays. **Consequently, please note the following 2 dates for your diary when school will be closed for staff training: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.**

**INSET  
DAY**

## Cutlery use

We have noticed a large number of children in the dinner halls, who find using a knife and fork appropriately a challenge, this applies to both schools. The children are required to cut their own food up, although we support our younger children with this. In school, it is not practical for us to cut all children's food up and our school meals require cutlery use. We appreciate at home it may be quicker and easier to do this for your child and they may often have finger food at home too but please spend time practicing at home using a knife and fork correctly as this is an essential life skill.



**Infant Christmas Lunch:** Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> will be delighted to tell that you children will be enjoying a 'Festive Lunch Menu', if you would prefer to provide your child with their own packed lunch or if they have any special dietary requirements, please email [infant@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:infant@elmleaschoolstrust.com) before Thursday 3rd December. To view the menu, [please click here](#).

**Junior Christmas Lunch:** Look out on Aspens for the Christmas lunch menu, please remember to book in advance, to view the menu, please [click this link](#).

### Wesport Virtual Winter Games

Last week's challenge saw the children take part in a skipping challenge where they counted how many skips they completed in a minute. Skipping has always been and continues to be a popular activity for the children during breaktimes so they were absolutely amazing at this challenge. A massive well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the following children who achieved the highest score in their year;



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alastair 3S	Jonas 4B	Daisy 5K	Daniel L 6L
Hazel 3S	Imogen 4H	Sam W 5K	Phoebe 6L

Mrs Paterson, Head of PE & Sport

### Music

We are so pleased that instrumental lessons started again at Elmlea this week. Please could we remind those children who may have hired an instrument from school and no longer need it, to return it next week. You can leave it with your class teacher who will arrange for it to be brought to me.



A reminder to children in Years 5 and 6 to please memorise your song lyrics in readiness for next week's recordings. All lyrics are on Seesaw.

Year 6, don't forget to bring accessories into school in a named carrier bag, on Monday.

6S – school trousers/ skirts, a white T shirt or jumper or shirt, a silver accessory (tinsel, hat/ headband/ scarf etc.)

6B – school uniform and Christmas headband of your choice (antlers/ snowman/ Christmas tree etc.)

6L – school uniform and a Santa hat.

Mrs Parkes, KS2 Music Coordinator

### The Westbury Advent Window Trail

The 167th Scout Group and Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church are organising an Advent Calendar with a difference! For anyone and everyone in the Westbury-on-Trym area, we hope this will add some interest and a seasonal purpose to your household's daily exercise!

To take part you'll need to visit: [www.167thwestburybaptist.org.uk/advent2020](http://www.167thwestburybaptist.org.uk/advent2020) - from here a map will guide you to a new Advent Window each day during Advent (1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December).

In the Advent Window will be a hand crafted advent poster alongside a QR Code and a Letter-of-the-Day. When you scan the QR code you'll be led to a daily question, comment, video, reflection, craft etc. – different each day. You can also gather the daily letters to solve an anagram and enter a competition!

To participate, and for all other information, go to [www.167thwestburybaptist.org.uk/advent2020](http://www.167thwestburybaptist.org.uk/advent2020) - the trail begins on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** when the first location will be revealed!

**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>

[Advent All Stars](#) Holy Trinity Church will be launching their annual Advent Trail from 1st December. This year's theme is stars. Use the QR code on the poster to access the map showing the locations of the stars around Westbury-on-Trym. Ten of the stars have been decorated by children in Year 4.

As you are aware, this year we cannot hold a Christmas fair in the normal way in order to raise much needed funds for the school. Therefore, we are asking parents to contribute to a number of Christmas events/items that we are running in the lead up to Christmas. All items are available for infants and juniors and can be purchased on our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa/>

**Reindeer Food:** We are selling bags of festive reindeer food, hot chocolate and Santa sweet cones to put in Christmas Eve boxes. All ingredients in the reindeer food are bird friendly and nut free. Please place your orders on the website and collection will be available from driveways close to school towards the end of term (details to follow). Bags are £1 each. Orders must be placed on the EISA website by 11th December.

**Family Quiz:** We are hosting a family quiz on zoom this Sunday, the 29th of November at 3:30 pm. The quiz will follow the theme of adults vs kids so family's will play against each other rather than against other families. Tickets are £5 per family. Please buy your ticket on the EISA website in order to get the zoom code. There is a maximum of 100 tickets so the tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We appreciate this is long list of items to purchase however, we have made it simple for you to purchase all items on our website above from today. Please bear in mind that these items/events are instead of the Christmas fair where you would normally purchase a number of games and food during the afternoon.

EISA

**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.

<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>Infant Christmas Dinner</b>	<b>Tuesday 15th December</b>
<b>**Reminder**</b>	<b>Winter Jumper Christmas Dinner Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 15th December</b> —Year 3 & 4 Winter Jumper Christmas Dinner Day
<b>**Reminder**</b>	<b>Winter Jumper Christmas Dinner Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 16th December</b> —Year 5 & 6 Winter Jumper Christmas Dinner Day

**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.

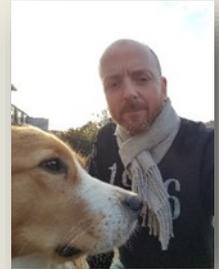
**Colin Bird**

**Term of Office 3 December 2019 to 4 December 2023**

**Chair of Health and Safety Sub-Committee**

**Health and Safety Trustee**

Colin joined as a Trustee in December 2020. Colin has two children, one of whom is still in the juniors and the other who is in the local secondary school. Professionally Colin manages several large, highway infrastructure projects in the south west and Colin is able to utilise this experience within the trust by chairing the Health and Safety Committee. Spare time is taken up with plenty of dog walks and cycling.



**James Domone**

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

**Website Compliance Governor**

James became a governor of Elmlea Infant school in 2020. He has one daughter at the school with another younger daughter yet to start. James is an engineer working across different sectors but predominantly in aerospace. He used to spend a lot of time playing football and cricket before injury curtailed his ambitions. He holds coaching qualifications in a variety of sports and used these coaching children at weekends and during the summer for a local council in London when he was growing up.



**Arthur Lanham**

**Term of Office 4 December 2019 to 3 December 2023**

Arthur became a Governor of Elmlea Junior School in December 2019. He lives in Westbury-on-Trym with his wife and twins who currently attend Elmlea Infants in Year 1. Having grown up on a farm in the North Pennines, Arthur has lived and worked in Bristol for the past 14 years. He works as a Senior Health, Safety and Environmental Advisor for a national construction company and will support the work of the Health and Safety Committee as Vice Chair. In his free time Arthur enjoys cycling, snowboarding and playing football.





# Year Group News

## Reception

This week in Reception the children have learnt the l sound as well as the double letter digraphs ll-ss-ff. They have begun to learn about simple addition, practising finding how many they have altogether. We are really enjoying the apparatus PE lessons every Friday, please can you ensure if you child has long hair that it is tied back. We were really impressed with the children's speaking and listening skills during our baby photo 'show and tell' this week, thank you for providing the photos.

**BREAKING NEWS:** Reception classes are starting their Christmas Nativity rehearsals next week - look out for lines to learn in their book bags. We will be doing lots of practising in the coming weeks ready for our performances to be recorded and aired on Tapestry during the last week of term!

**Many thanks, The Reception Team**

## Year 1

This week in Year One we've been learning some great science facts and writing some non-fiction texts. Can you guess which animal we've been learning about? Ask your children these questions and try and work it out:

Where do these animals live? What are the two main types?

When are they active? During the day or during the night?

What do they like to eat and how do they find or catch their food?

What happens to some of them in the winter and why?

We'd also like to remind you to keep reading regularly with your children each week. Thank you so much if you have been able support your child's reading at home, we really appreciate it. If you are finding it difficult to keep it going, or are finding it difficult to manage, please let us know and we can try to help out if we can.

**Year 1 Team**

## Year 2

In Year 2 this week we've been continuing our work on deforestation and protecting the rainforest. This week all the children have worked incredibly hard at planning, drafting, writing, editing and then publishing persuasive letters about protecting our rainforests. All 90 of these letters are going to be sent to our local Bristol North MP, Darren Jones. We're hoping that he'll contact us to give his opinions and ideas on how to help save our trees.

 [Class 2V's Assembly.mp4](#)

**Year 2 Team**

### Year 3

In year 3 this week, we have been learning more about our bodies and stereotypes relating to girls and boys in our RSE lessons.

We have been starting to learn about fractions and our teachers have been really impressed with our multiplication and division skills which are key for fractions. Perhaps you could portion out some fractions of your dinner this week?

In English, we have been continuing with our diary writing and have been learning the difference between formal and informal writing and developing our emotive language.

In history, we were looking at Tudor portraits of Queen Elizabeth as a primary source of information. We were using clues from the pictures to try and understand a bit more about what she was like as a Queen and a person.



**Year 3 Team**

### Year 4

Year 4 have been publishing their latest piece of suspense writing and recording voice overs to really capture the tension. They should be ready to enjoy on Seesaw by the time of reading and may even be found on the website.

In maths we have been looking at decimals and how to divide by 10 or 100.

Next week we will be starting an English unit on Shakespeare's Macbeth which will involve looking at language and poetry. We will also be developing our mental maths skills too. In our topic lesson, we will be continuing to look at Tudor explorers and the impact of trade. Well done Year 4.

**Year 4 Team**

### Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have thoroughly enjoyed our DT project 'Make and mend' we are starting the making stage of the project and after this will be reflecting on the whole process. Many children have experimented with different sewing techniques and have done applique or added a button. We are really impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and are really excited to start making the pouch and see them being worn on VE day!



**Year 5 Team**

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 tested their computer skills in science by producing a line graph using Excel and analysing the results of our exercise experiment. We learnt that it is very difficult to take accurate pulse rate readings as our data showed anomalies. In history, we learnt more about the D-Day landings and how it was a turning point of WWII. Our wireless broadcasts were both informative and rousing. In maths, we explored multiplying and dividing fractions using bar models to help visualise the calculations. Next week we will reinforce our understanding of the links between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Reminders: - Scrap materials need to be in school on Monday

- School council speeches will be on Monday

- Christmas card entries need emailing directly to Mrs Bjelica

- CHANGE OF DATE Our VE Day celebration is now Thursday 17th December, giving you longer to prepare

**Year 6 Team.**