

Dear parents and carers,

Celebration has been the theme of the week and every class has enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate with each other all they have achieved this term. Your children have shown such resilience and determination, we are so proud of all they have overcome and hope they too feel great pride in themselves.

It has been a momentous term requiring great flexibility from all and a break from routine is now much needed. I hope this Easter holiday is a break for you all, and as our country begins to reopen, that you are able to socialize and once again enjoy being together with others. The Easter theme of new beginnings is so timely as we all hope for a brighter future ahead.



Have a great Easter break and we look forward to welcoming your children back on the 19th April.

Lorraine Wright: Executive Headteacher

New INSET day

During lockdown we had to postpone an INSET day so we could remain open for all our families. We have therefore moved this to the Wednesday 21st July, which is at the very end of the academic year.

The last day of term will therefore now be Tuesday 20th July.

INSET DAY

Diary Dates

KEY DATES

Term 4

Mon 22 Feb
to
Thurs 1 April

Term 5

Mon 19 April
to
Fri 28 May

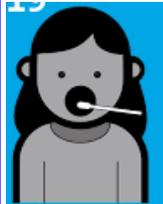
Tues 20 April
CLASS PHOTOS
Term 6

Mon 7 June
to
Weds 21 July

INSET DAYS

Mon 7 June
Fri 2 July
&
Fri 21st July
****NEW date****

COVID symptoms and testing



If your child, or a member of your family, has coronavirus symptoms, you should tell the school, the whole family should self-isolate immediately and any symptomatic people should get a PCR test (not a Lateral Flow Test) to confirm the result. [More information](#)

Zero Tech Day-Thursday 22nd April

Following some environmental focused learning in Year 6, two pupils presented teachers with the idea of having a Zero Tech Day for school to raise awareness of environmental issues and screen addiction that may have increased during lockdown. As a result of this proposal, Elmlea Schools Trust have agreed to having a Zero Tech Day in classrooms across the trust on Thursday 22nd April, alongside [Earth Day](#), a day to raise awareness of environmental issues. The agreed rules for this day is that teachers will not be able to use interactive white boards, computers, or any printers to create worksheets. All the staff are excited about using this day to be creative with the lessons that are taught, and we are all so impressed with the two pupils who have put so much effort into creating this day.

Zero Tech Day

Job Opportunities



We have an exciting vacancy at Elmlea Schools' Trust for a Part Time **Office Administrator**, Term Time only, 8:30am-4pm Wednesday to Friday. Full job details & application form [here](#).

We also have two **Learning Support Assistant** vacancies, one in [Reception](#) the other for a one-on-one in [Year 1](#) 2 days a week. For full details of all of our vacancies, please click [here](#).

Return of Junior Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a small range of extra-curricular school teacher run clubs at the Junior School in Terms 5 and 6 (Government Covid guidelines and national restrictions dependent).



Please see the letter [attached](#) and have a look through the timetables at what is available and discuss what your child would like to do and what will fit in with your arrangements. Please log onto Tucasi and tick an expression of interest in attending the club by the deadline of 8am Monday 19 April 2021. Please note this DOES NOT mean your child automatically has a place. Parents will be emailed a confirmation of the place later that week if they have secured a place in the club and for which term.

Music

Congratulations to Zara and Holly in Year 6, who both passed their Grade 2 Flute examinations recently! Mrs Parkes



Shine Clubs Term 5 now live

The programme for next term (Term 5) is now available for booking and can be found here



[Elmlea Infant School | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](#)

[Elmlea Junior School | Shine \(myshine.co.uk\)](#)



Take a trip to Mexico this Easter Holiday with Elmlea PTA!

Disappointed by your lack of Easter travel plans? Never fear! We've organised a very special 'virtual' holiday for the whole family to Mexico! Download the activity pack with everything you need including tickets, passports, craft ideas, recipes and more. Alternatively, are you embracing the Staycation? We've got you covered too! Follow a walk of our very own Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve which will include a great chance to meet and feed our local ducks. **Price includes a packet of duck food which can be collected locally.**

[Click here to purchase](#) for just £2. All proceeds go to the school. Activity pack most suitable for age under 7. Duck food and Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve walk suitable all ages. You will receive a confirmation email after you pay with the pdf link. **Please check your junk mail as it may go there.**

Uniform sale - thank you to everyone who bought something at the second hand uniform sale. **We made £280!**

Whole School Class Photos - Tuesday 20th April

Tulip Photo will be coming to Elmlea on Tuesday 20th April to take class photos for the whole of the Infants and Junior schools. For information about how their 'contactless picture day' will work, please see their [website](#). They have created a process that allows them to keep at least 6 feet of distance at all times and eliminate all paperwork on the day of the photoshoots.



Juniors School Dinners: New Spring-Summer menu and **change to order cut off time**

The new Aspens Spring-Summer 2021 menu, is now available to view and book - it can be found [here](#).

CUT-OFF TIME CHANGE

May we once again remind parents that **if their child is having school dinners, they must pre order on Aspens by 8:30am (previously 9:30am)** It is very important that the correct allergy information is held for each pupil so please take a look at the [allergy policy](#), [allergy information](#), [nutrition report](#) and if need be fill in a [special diet form](#). They can also be found on the school website.

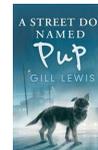
Infants Spring-Summer Menu and holiday activities and recipes!

The Infants menu from 19th April until the end of the academic year can be found [here](#). Chartwells are pleased to offer some holiday activities and resources for your pupils to enjoy at home:

[Let's Get Active! Barry's Bean Dance Activity Card](#) * [Hidden Sugars Worksheet](#) * [Marmite Twists Recipe Card](#) * [Banana and Honey Bagel Recipe](#) * [Super Yummy Kitchen Access Guide](#) - recipes & cook-a-long videos, activities, foodie facts and top tips on health, food waste, sustainability and loads more!

Calling all budding writers and Gill Lewis fans

Local author, Gill Lewis, is doing a live zoom event explaining how she gets her inspiration, writes her stories and answering questions; Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 4pm Cost: £3 (price redeemable against a purchase of *A Street Dog Named Pup*) full details [here](#)





Year Group News

Reception

We would like to wish you all an enjoyable break over the next few weeks. The children have done so well to settle back into school and get to know routines again, alongside learning all about their topics.

We hope you have enjoyed our performances posted to Tapestry!

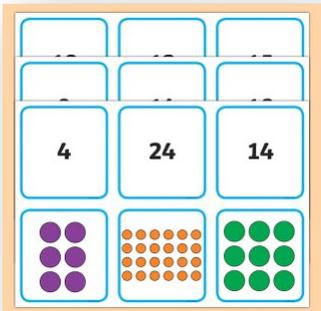
We would like to encourage you to take part in our half term challenge! Can you write about the favourite thing you have done during the holidays and bring it with you on our first day back to share with your class?



The Reception Team

Year 1

We are so proud of how the children have settled back into school this term.



This week we introduced the idea of repeated addition and multiplication and have been learning to draw arrays to show our calculations. We also took a closer look at the signs of spring and drew wonderful observational drawings of our class cherry trees, now that they are in blossom.



We have written spring poems based on our senses and we look forward to sharing them with you when we can.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

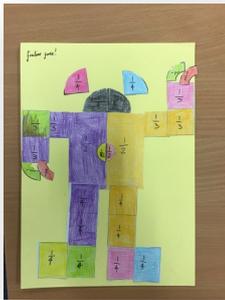
Year 2 this week have been writing brilliant diary entries based on the Great Fire of London. They had to imagine that they were someone trying to escape the city in 1666. We've been really impressed with the quality of their work and they have published them ready for our Great Fire of London display.



The children also followed their alien shelter designs from last week to try and build safe, strong and waterproof shelters to protect their clay aliens. The children then tested these shelters by dropping water from pipettes on to their constructions made from recycled materials. The children discussed what makes a fair test and predicted what they think would happen to their shelter after getting wet and which materials would work best.

Year 2 Team

Year 3

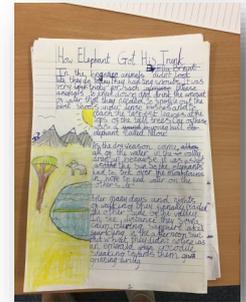


Year 3 had so much fun this week creating their fractions bots and publishing their tales from Africa.

For Countries Day, they enjoyed dressing up in the colours of a country flag, recreating the flag they came as, completing a countries quiz and creating some aboriginal art.

As this is the Easter holidays, Y3 learnt about the meaning and symbols associated with Easter and created their own Easter gardens.

It has been wonderful to have the children back in school. We wish you all a wonderful, restful holidays.



Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have had a lovely week finishing off our board games, making our Easter gardens and celebrating the end of our topic with Countries Day. The children worked in groups to make their 'Around the World' themed board games and had a great time playing each other's. On Countries Day, we had a range of flags and countries represented and the children tasted some foods from around the world and discussed food miles along with some other enjoyable activities. In maths, we spent time working with money and how to find change when buying items. We would encourage plenty of practice with this ready for when shops are open again. We will be sharing information about our new topic Wonderful Westbury? on Seesaw before the start of next term.



Year 4 Team

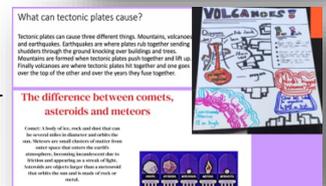
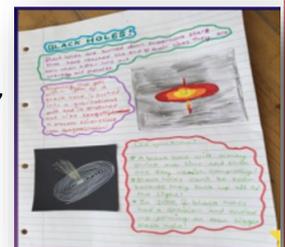
Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have finished our collaborative projects in style- by producing space-themed moving toys that each contain a Cam-mechanism. Pupils enjoyed designing their model, working together to pick their favourite features of each design, and then collaborating to make their final model. The outcome was brilliant and everyone really enjoyed the project!



Year 5 have also been celebrating the end of their topic, Planet Earth, by asking some big questions about Space or Earth. They then had to present their findings using a method of their choice. It was great to see so many informative and detailed pieces of work.

Well done Year 5 on a fabulous term full of enthusiasm and teamwork. Have a restful break and we look forward to continuing our learning with you in Summer term!



Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week, year 6 have published final versions of our suspense narratives based on a film clip from Gravity. We have also used iMovie - and screenshots from the film - to narrate our own film versions. These have been uploaded to Seesaw for your enjoyment!

We had a great time spending a whole day immersing ourselves in our DT project which was to design a space themed toy for a child which contained a moving mechanism. We needed to refine our teamwork as well as develop our measuring, sawing and gluing skills. We learned that it is important to 'measure twice and cut once' and that small differences in length and angle can have a significant impact on our constructions.

Well done Y6 for working so hard over the last few weeks and returning to school with such enthusiasm. Have a great Easter!



Year 7 Destination Schools - Thank you to those parents who have completed the Year 7 Destination form. If you have not yet had a chance to do this please complete [online form](#) as soon as possible, indicating which school your child will be attending in Year 7. We are obliged to ensure that we have accurate records of our Year 6 pupils continued education and at the end of this academic year electronic records will be

passed to the destination school. We appreciate that some of you may still be going through the appeal process and if this is the case please indicate on the form. Thank you

Year 6 Team