



Elmlea Schools' Trust

Newsletter Issue 15

Friday 18th December

Dear parents and carers,

Today we have celebrated the end of term on a very positive note, which is a great way to end 2020 in school. It has been a year like no other, but one in which our whole Elmlea school community can look back and feel great pride in what we achieved.

Throughout all the challenges we have come together as a staff team and parent body, in our absolute determination to do the very best for the children of Elmlea. The children have in turn responded with huge enthusiasm, courage and resilience to overcome the hurdles and disruption and continue making the most of all Elmlea has to offer. We should all feel immense pride in this and look forward with great hope to a new year.

Thank you

A huge thank you to our amazing Elmlea staff teams, who have continued throughout this year with such dedication to serve the children and families of Elmlea.

At Elmlea we are so grateful for the strong partnership we have with you as parents and carers and we know we can only achieve the best for your children by working together. So thank you for your support throughout this year. Thank you also for the very kind messages and generous gifts we have received as tokens of your thanks, they are much appreciated and encourage us all.

Thank you to our wonderful Elmlea children. Every child has this year shown how courageous they can be when faced with great challenge and it is a privilege to teach and guide them through their school journey.

Fund raising - Thank you to all our fund raisers this Christmas who have all worked so hard to raise much needed funds to support all we would like to offer the children. Your unstinting enthusiasm has been much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who has shown great generosity in supporting our fundraising and the grand total so far of £7000 is a great start to our playground improvement projects.

Goodbye

As may be aware, Sarah Coleman in the Office is sadly leaving Elmlea after 15years. Her last day in school will be Thursday 7 January 2021. If you wish to [contribute towards a leaving gift](#) please do so (before Monday 4 January)

Drop off for Yr1 and Yr2

Following a few near miss incidents we are trying to reduce the number of children waiting on pavements outside the Infant entrance.

From the start of next term at morning drop off, Yr2 will go straight into their classes as soon as the gates open at 8.40am.

If you have a Yr1 sibling arriving at the same time, they do **not** need to wait outside on the pavement until their slot, they can come straight in and line up on the dots. Any Yr 1's arriving near to their 8.45am slot, can also come straight in to line up too. In this way the only children waiting with parents on the pavement are Reception classes.

Thank you for your understanding and patience regarding drop off and pick up.

Have an enjoyable festive holiday creating special family memories. Be kind to yourselves and have an excellent start to 2021.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

COVID notification email

We have set up an email address elmleaCOVIDupdates@elmleaschoolstrust.com for you to notify us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 and you receive this notification during the holidays, when the school office is closed. **This email will be monitored up until 2pm on Thursday 24th December**

We need to know as soon as you have this result so we can contact the DfE for advice if we need to self-isolate a class. If we get your notification we can then notify parents if their class was required to self-isolate. In your email please let us know the following:

when your child was tested and you received the test result	when your child was last in school
when your child's symptoms started	your contact phone number

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND PURCHASES!

Drum Roll Please...



We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated, purchased raffle tickets, Xmas trees and Christmas Eve box treats in the last few weeks. You will be pleased to hear we have raised a staggering £7k across both the infant and junior schools. Special thanks to the class reps and their classes for putting together the amazing hampers as well as the donations from local companies Alexander May, The Hideaway, Dawkins Ale and Elizabeth Shaw.

Your contributions will make a massive difference to the school in these challenging times. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

£7,000 RAISED!!!

EIS

Bristol Free School Education Trust (RET) are consulting on proposed Admissions Arrangements 2022/23 for Bristol Free School as determined by the School Admissions Code and the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012.

Please see a copy of the notice of [consultation](#) and [policy](#) These are also available on the school's website www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk We would welcome comments on the proposed arrangements by midnight on 26 January 2021.

Please send any responses for the attention of Clerk to Governors to admissions.consultation@bristolfreeschool.org.uk or Bristol Free School, Concorde Drive, Bristol. BS10 6NJ.



COVID Track and Trace Scam?

This week a parent from our school received a late night call telling them to go to Bristol Eye Hospital for a coronavirus test the next day at a set time. When they attended they were advised there was no testing being done there. When they double checked with NHS 119, they were

told that the call couldn't have been from Test and Trace as it didn't follow any of their guidelines.

The hoaxer may have been trying to get them out of the house at a particular time so they could commit a burglary.

If you receive a similar call or message which leaves you in any doubt, please report it to the police and and to the NHS by ringing 119

Guitar Club

The schools' online Guitar Club will be continuing on weekday evenings next term, all abilities welcome

Contact hazel@hazelwinter.co.uk



Shine Holiday Clubs and Term 3 programmes

Here are the Shine Clubs programmes for term 3, which are now live for booking online at MyShine.co.uk [Infants programme](#), [Juniors Programme](#)

Holiday clubs are also running [see details](#)

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from all at Shine



Staff Vacancy—We currently have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant, [please find details here](#)



Barnardos are currently offering some face to face therapy for children who are struggling with the impact of Covid. [Please click this link for further information.](#)

Key Dates 2021

Term 3

Tuesday 5th January
to
Friday 12th February

INSET DATES

Monday 4th January
and
Friday 29th January
(New date)

Year Group News

Reception

Thank you for all of your support during Term 2, it has been busy and brilliant! We are so proud of the children for their Nativity performances this week, we hope you enjoyed watching them together.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in 2021. Many thanks, The Reception Team



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Year 1

Wow! What a term in Year One. We're so pleased with how the children are doing and they've worked so hard. We've loved seeing them really get to grips with place value and addition and subtraction. It's brilliant to see them applying what they know, such as number bonds, so confidently in their calculations. We've also loved seeing them enjoy all the fantastic stories that we've worked on this term and they've produced such amazing descriptive writing - their firework poems were a bit of a highlight! This week the children have written a special little something to go under the tree and we really hope you love reading it. We're so proud of all their hard work and amazing learning this term. We would also like you say a huge thank you from all of the team for our fantastic cards and gifts - we are so very grateful. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you next year - we have an exciting event planned for later in the term, which we think the children will love.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

In Year 2 this week the children have been building with excitement towards the imminent Christmas festivities. This has likely been encouraged by the Christmas activities that have been going on in class. The children wrote great letters to Father Christmas earlier in the week which they got to take home ready to send to him. They also planned, wrote and published beautiful Christmas acrostic poems which all the teachers were really impressed with. We hope the children's parents enjoyed reading them.



Merry Christmas everyone from the Year 2 Team!

Year 3

It has been a busy Christmassy week in Year 3! We have enjoyed some 'Christmaths' and have been working on some festive statistics and practising using pictograms and bar charts.



In English, we have been finishing our instructions about how to be 'Reindeer Ready' and have also been writing some special letters - watch this space! We are feeling so proud of our progress in DT and are so excited about completing our festive decorations. We have worked hard on getting ready for our performances and had great fun recording them in our Christmas jumpers on Tuesday, as well as having a delicious Christmas lunch! It has been exciting to prepare for our Christingle service - we have prepared our class Christingle and have been reflecting on what we are feeling thankful for at this time of year. Merry Christmas from



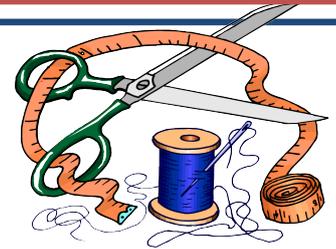
everyone in Year 3!

Year 3 Team

Year 3 & 4 Our next topic is **Around the World**. We will be 'visiting' different countries and learning about human and physical geography. Please take a look at [this letter](#) to find out more!

Year 4

We have had a very enjoyable week in Year 4 doing lots of creative things. We have been doing lots of sewing to make our Christmas decorations, making Christmas hats so our Christmas dinner was even more spectacular and also finishing off our witch's potion poems which included some performances. In maths we have been doing statistics which included looking at pictograms and bar charts.



When we return to school, we will be doing some poetry work in English and some geometry work in maths before moving on to telling the time. This could be something to look at together over the holidays in preparation for lessons.

We wish all the Year 4 families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year

Year 4 Team

Year 5

In Year 5, we have had an exciting week. We particularly enjoyed our VE day, we took part in a parade, created replica Anderson Shelters as well as playing various games such as hopscotch, jacks and marbles. Children have worn their DT pouches with pride and have loved seeing each other's creativity.



We have loved learning about WW2 and have shown all of our new knowledge in our end of term quiz.

Thank you so much Year 5 for all your enthusiasm and creativity this term. We hope you have a lovely Christmas!

Year 5 Team

Year 6



Our topic culminated in our VE Day celebrations this week. We thoroughly enjoyed making a replica Anderson shelter and jubilantly paraded around the school wearing our ration book bags that we finished sewing. We also finished our class read 'Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' - a story of friendship during WW2 which left some of us feeling a bit emotional. We have all been so engaged and enthused by this topic and our looking forward to 'Planet Earth' next term. Well done for a cracking term Year 6 and Merry Christmas.

Year 6 Team