



Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 21 Friday 12th February

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all feeling a huge sense of achievement to have made it to the end of Term 3 under lockdown. It has been tough for all. However, for our families it has probably been the most challenging few months and the most intense way of living together ever experienced. I sincerely hope the change of pace next week helps provide a respite for you all and a chance to recharge. Please be kind to yourself.

Parent-teacher meetings.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting with their child's class teacher, we hope the meetings were helpful for you. Our teaching staff have reported the meetings were very informative, helping them understand more clearly how your child has coped during this term, whether at home remote learning or attending school critical childcare or both. These meetings will help inform our plans as we look forward to next term and respond to any government guidance around reopening.

Make yourself a priority
once in a while. It's not
selfish. It's necessary.



Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Gong Xi Fa Cai!

Happy New Year to everyone in our Elmlea community who is celebrating the start of the Year of the Ox today.



Survey on home learning

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have completed the home learning survey. The survey will be open for those who may have more time next week to complete it until the 22nd February.

Complete your survey [here](#)



VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a **School Crossing Patrol**. Please find further [information](#), the full [job description](#) and the [application form](#) here.



Trustee and Governor recruitment



Dear Elmlea parents,

The Elmlea Schools' Trust is now 16 months old and what a first year it has been! Between the school staff, Trustees, Governors, pupils and families we have successfully united the infant and junior schools into one academy; formalised the leadership team; aligned suppliers, contracts and policies and faced all of the challenges that the pandemic has provided.

The role of the Trustees and Governors has never been more important and we are keen to recruit more volunteers to join the team. We welcome applications from across the entire community so, if you have enthusiasm, commitment, are naturally inquisitive, seek high standards and are prepared to get involved then this is for you.

[More information can be found here](#). Please register your interest by Friday 19th February.

Many thanks, **Robin Hudswell, Vice Chair, Elmlea Schools Trust**

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and during the week, children have been discussing what it means to be safe on the internet with the theme of 'An internet we trust'. This has seen them considering what to trust online and if the source of information is reliable. www.saferinternetday.org.uk



Please visit these links to find some short videos that explain some top tips for parents and carers.

[Trust online: advice from the experts at BBC Reality Check \(Tips for Parents and carers\)](#)

[Trust online: advice from the experts at Full Fact \(Tips for parents and carers\)](#)

Key Dates 2021

Term 3

Last day of term

Fri 12th Feb

Term 4

Mon 22nd Feb

to

Thurs 1 April

Term 5

Mon 19 April

to

Fri 28 May

Term 6

Mon 7 June

to

Weds 21 July

INSET DAYS

Mon 7th June

&

Fri 2nd July

(NEW date)

Citywide Bulletin from the Families in Focus team.

We thought [this information](#) looked interesting and that you might find it helpful. Please feel free to pass onto others.



Let us remember that Spring is on its way!

French Pop Music Video Competition

Be a popstar and win a tablet and prizes for school! To find out more [click here](#).



Madame Turvey

P.S I'm happy to help with your entry!



This week we would like to introduce you to a couple more 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.

Sarah Rosenberg -EIS Governor Term of Office 23 October 2020 to 22 October 2024

Looked After Children and Pupil Premium Governor

Sarah has recently begun her second term of office as a Governor. A mum of two, she spent 13 years teaching Science at a North Somerset Secondary school. Sarah enjoys bringing her experience and understanding of the teaching profession to support the needs of the staff, students and parents at Elmlea.



Lara Allison—EIS Governor Term of Office 4 Dec 2019 to 3 Dec 2023

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

Lara has served as a governor since December 2019. She teaches at a local school.