

Elmlea
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Newsletter Issue 19

Friday 29th January

Dear parents and carers,

Have a good weekend and please find some time for yourself to recharge this weekend, ready for the week ahead, these are challenging times.

From Mrs Wright

Executive Headteacher

Home learning

In previous newsletters I have reiterated the message that your best is good enough with regards to home learning. To quantify this, what you are all doing is genuinely really good. You are really supporting your children well at home despite the struggles. As a school we are so pleased.

The daily English and maths tasks are being completed which is fantastic. What is especially pleasing is that writing submitted by children is to a much higher standard than last lockdown. Writing is the hardest task to complete at home or school and teachers have been blown away by the high standard of work being submitted recently. If you can keep the maths and English ticking over, you are doing really well and any other subjects completed are a bonus. We are really hopeful that when our children return, the catch up journey will be shorter than expected, due to the support from home. Keep going your best efforts are more than good enough, they are outstanding. Thank you.

If as a family, you are not able to make the live teams sessions as you are taking your exercise outside, please drop the class teacher a line. Whilst we would want the children to join every day to check in, this doesn't work for some families and so long as your child is regularly joining in at some points during the week, just let the teacher know.

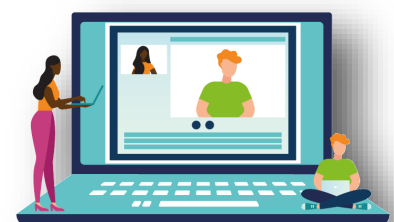
Also don't forget to put filters on your home computer, if your child is using it, to prevent unsuitable popups.



"The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse," by Charles Mackesy

Parent-teacher meetings - Weds 10th Feb

We are delighted to be able to offer parent teacher meetings on the 10th February. A letter has been sent to you today. Appointments can be booked online and this will go live at 7pm tonight (Friday 29th Jan) and close next Thursday (4th Feb) at midday. Please note the meeting is to discuss how your child has coped with lockdown. There will be a survey issued next week for parents to share feedback around home learning and how they have coped.



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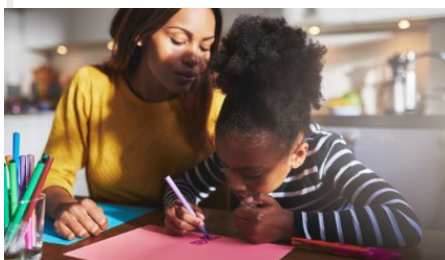
Children's mental health week

It is children's mental health week next week and we will be raising awareness of this throughout the week with different activities planned. The theme this year is "Express yourself" and for all children at school and at home there will be live sessions planned to express yourself.

Here at Elmlea, Friday 5th Feb will be an 'Express Yourself' Dress Up Day. Children will be able to express themselves in what they choose to wear on Teams meetings as will children coming in to school.

Please find to below some useful resources.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



[Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week 2021](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/)

Parents & Carers. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is Express Yourself.. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity.

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

Key Dates 2021

Online Parents Evening

Weds 10th Feb

<u>Term 3</u> Tues 5th Jan to Fri 12th Feb	<u>Term 4</u> Mon 22nd Feb to Thurs 1 April
<u>Term 5</u> Mon 19 April to Fri 28 May	<u>Term 6</u> Mon 7 June to Weds 21 July

Inset Days

Mon 7th June & Fri 2nd July (NEW date)



Half-term

Monday 15th to Friday 20th Feb

Elmlea Schools will be closed during half-term. Provision has been organised to be provided by Shine, only for children currently attending Elmlea essential child-care, should parents require it.